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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION

777 PARTNERS LLC and SUTTONPARK CAPITAL LLC,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

CASE NO. 24-81143-CIV-DMM

LEADENHALL CAPITAL
PARTNERS LLP, LEADENHALL
LIFE INSURANCE LINKED
INVESTMENTS FUND PLC, NOAH
DAVIS, SAIPH CONSULTING LLC
and PAUL KOSINSKI,

Defendants.

VIDEOTAPED VIDEOCONFERENCE DEPOSITION OF

IAN RATNER

March 6, 2025

8:11 a.m.

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Atlanta, Georgia

Nicole Limoncelli, RPR, CCR-5799-5142-5014-9888



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1	Videotaped Videoconference Deposition of Ian Ratner	1	1 back and continue the deposition?		
2	March 6, 2025	2	2 A. Yes, sir.		
3	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We are on the	3	3 Q. Which date would work?		
4	record.	4	4 A. I don't have my		
5	Today's date is March 6th, 2025, and the	5	5 Q. Okay.		
6	time is approximately 8:11 a.m.	6	6 A day-timer in front of me, but I h	ave some	
7	This will be the videotaped deposition of	7	7 flexibility. Next week I'll be traveling so I	l can do	
8	Ian Ratner in the matter of 777 Partners LLC, et	8	8 it remote. I do have some time next wee	ek easily. And	
9	al. versus Leadenhall Capital Partners LLP, et al.	9	9 the after I I I think on March 17th,	which is	
10	Will the attorneys present please state	10	10 a Monday, I'm in Atlanta. And other tha	n one meeting,	
11	their names and whom they whom they represent,	11	11 I think I have the whole day available.		
12	starting with those online.	12	12 Q. All right. Nice.		
13	MR. MORLAN: Harold E. Morlan, III with	13	13 A. So if I confirm meet I'll probabl	ly have	
14	Shutts & Bowen, representing Saiph Consulting LLC	14	14 that meeting confirmed up by Friday afte	ernoon, and	
15	and Paul Kosinksi.	15	15 then I'll, you know.		
16	MS. NATHANSON: Leigh Nathanson from King &	16	16 Q. Okay. Thank you. Yeah, we'll	l we'll be	
17	Spalding, representing the Leadenhall defendants.	17	17 in touch about that to the extent we r	need more time.	
18	Good morning.	18	18 And, Mr. Ratner, you've been d	eposed	
19	MR. PELLEGRINO: David Pellegrino,	19	19 numerous times?		
20	representing the plaintiffs 777 and Suttonpark.	20	20 A. Yes, sir.		
21	MR. STARR: Peter Starr, King & Spalding,	21	21 Q. Hundreds of times would you	say?	
22	LLP on behalf the Leadenhall defendants.	22	22 A. Yes, sir.		
23	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Thank you.	23	23 Q. Okay. I will not go over the gr	ound rules	
24	Will the court reporter please swear in the	24	24 with you today.		
25	witness.	25	25 So what did you do to prepare	for today's	
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1	IAN RATNER,	1	1 deposition, Mr. Ratner?	, ago o	
2 h	naving been first duly sworn, was examined and	2	2 A. The last night I met with Mr. P	Pellegrino	
3 t	estified as follows:	3	3 and Mr. Shapiro for a couple of hours.	And on the	
4	4 CROSS-EXAMINATION		4 afternoon of the today is Thursday.	On the	
5 E	5 BY MR. STARR:		5 afternoon of Tuesday, middle of the day on Tuesday, I		
6	Q. Okay. Good morning, Mr. Ratner.	6	6 reviewed some of the pleadings around	d this case; the	
7	A. Good morning.	7	7 complaint, the summary judgment moti	ons, the	
8	Q. How are you doing today?	8	8 declarations. I also reviewed the Mazu	ır reports. I	
9	A. Good. Thank you.	9	9 also reviewed the I forget it the nar	me of the	
10	Q. So you have another engagement this	10	10 other forensic expert technology exp	ert. I	
11	afternoon?	11	11 reviewed his his smaller report.		
12	A. Yes.	12	12 Q. Mr. Rohr?		
13	Q. And your counsel has said you needed you	13	13 A. I don't recall. His name was Ho	orner or	
14	need to end by 2:00 p.m.; is that right?	14	14 Homer or Horner with an H. The yea	ah, I think	
15	A. Yes, sir.	1	15 Mr. Rohr.		
16	Q. Okay. What is that engagement?	16	16 Q. Robert Rohr?		
17	A. I have a flight that I have to be in New	17	17 (King & Spalding IT entered into	the room.)	
18	York for a family matters.	18	18 MR. PELLEGRINO: Excuse me		
19	Q. Okay. So I'm hopeful we can get through as		19 pad?	•	
20	much as possible in the time that we have, but there		THE WITNESS: No, no. It's fine	e.	
21	are other defendants and defendants' counsel in this	1	21 (King & Spalding IT exited into the		
22	case. So to the extent we still have further		22 THE WITNESS: Distractions.	,	
23	questions, you know, before we've used up the full		23 So the so I so in the afterno	on of the	
1		i .			

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24 7 hours, I wanted to ask whether there's another date

25 between now and March 20th that works for you to come 25

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Tuesday, I spent a little time looking at those

pleadings and refreshing myself on the matter a

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1 little bit and -- and looking at the forensic

2 reports and that's about it.

3 BY MR. STARR:

4 Q. Did you look at any pleadings from the New

5 York case? Do you know what I'm referring to when I

6 say "the New York case"?

- 7 A. Sure.
- 8 Q. Did you look at any pleadings from the New
- 9 York case?
- 10 A. I have not gone back and read the -- reread
- 11 the pleadings. You know, I generally remember, you
- 12 know -- I -- I did look at the timing of amended --
- 13 the amended -- the amended complaint or the corrected
- 14 complaint in the New York matter, but I -- I did not
- 15 go back and read the entire complaint.
- 16 Q. It's quite long, right?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Yeah.
- 19 A. I had it in my stack of things to do, but I
- 20 didn't get there.
- 21 Q. Understood.
- 22 Did you -- and you met with Mr. Shapiro last
- 23 night?

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- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Was that after his deposition concluded?

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- 1 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. And what did you discuss with Mr. Shapiro?
  - MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection.
- 4 I'm just going to warn you to the extent
- 5 there were conversations with Mr. Shapiro without
- 6 counsel present, you can testify to that. But if
- 7 there's conversations with counsel, I'm directing
- 8 you not to answer.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I mean, first of all,
- 10 Mr. Pellegrino was with us in the conference room
- 11 at our office in Atlanta. And, you know, we just
- 12 discussed the deposition a little bit. I -- I --
- 13 I -- I didn't hear the whole thing. I was --
- 14 my -- I was on for a good part of the day, but I
- 15 had some calls and other meeting in the office, so
- 16 I -- I did listen to a good bit of it. Maybe
- 17 halfish.

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- 18 I just gave him some feedback. I thought he
- 19 did -- he was -- his demeanor was professional. I
- 20 thought he did a fine job. I was not aware of --
- 21 we discussed the September 2022. I was not aware
- 22 of that whole second copy.
- 23 But it was more of a short conversation. It
- 24 was late, as you know. And -- until they got back
  - to Buckhead, you know -- you know, the fellows

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- 1 were -- were tired and we spent a little bit of
- 2 time on it.
- 3 BY MR. STARR:
- 4 Q. What did Mr. Shapiro tell you about the
- 5 September 2022 MPFin file?
- 6 A. Just that he had direct conversations with
- 7 Mr. Mazur about it.
- 8 Q. And what did Mr. Mazur tell him about that 9 file?
- 10 A. I mean, we didn't get into it that detailed
- 11 because I -- I mean, it was something that -- you
- 12 know, I just don't remember ever hearing anything
- 13 about it until it was question/answer.
- 14 Q. So that was the first you had heard of it
- 15 was yesterday during the deposition?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And you attended Mr. Shapiro's deposition
- 18 yesterday?
- 19 A. Parts of it.
- 20 Q. And why did you do that?
- 21 A. I -- I -- I don't -- to me, it would be a
- 22 normal thing to do. We're being deposed on -- on a
- 23 case, in a far-reaching case. And to the extent that
- 24 was -- I had some time yesterday, I decided to listen
- 25 in to part of the deposition. Nothing unusual. If --

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- 1 if I'm in case with somebody else in my firm and
  - 2 there's two experts or two parts -- participates in
  - 3 the same case, you know, I like to hear -- you know,
  - 4 hear what the content of the deposition is. Also to
  - 5 get a sense of the demeanor of the -- demeanor of the
  - 6 deposition and such and such.
  - 7 Q. What did you think of the demeanor of the 8 deposition?
  - 9 A. I thought it was very professional and10 appropriate.
  - 11 Q. Did you discuss with Mr. Shapiro your
  - 12 deposition or his deposition prior to yesterday?
  - 13 A. Well, the scheduling of it and the fact that
  - 14 he was going to come into Atlanta. We had another
  - 15 client thing together, and he came in on Monday so
  - 16 that he would be able to meet that client here in
  - 17 Atlanta. So it was more about scheduling. But not
  - 18 much really because as a fact witness, so to speak,
  - 19 I -- I'm just going to tell you whatever I know. It's
  - 20 not like we're preparing -- going all through kind of
  - 21 documents in the -- in the case or financial analysis
  - 22 and that type of matter.
  - 23 Q. During Mr. Shapiro's deposition, were there
  - 24 any answers that he gave that you disagreed with or
  - 25 thought were untrue?

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Page 14 A. Nothing that -- clearly nothing that was

2 untrue.

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3 Q. Or -- or inaccurate I -- I could say.

A. Nothing that was inaccurate or untrue. Just

5 a little bit more of a -- an opinion about the

6 obligation to investigate as a CRO in this matter.

7 You had asked -- either you or Mr. Morlan, I don't

8 recall. Somebody had asked him about the work plan

9 that we had or that we have. And he's really leading 10 the work plan.

11 And there was a conversation about, oh, have

12 you gone back and investigated the 2022 or 2023

13 activities at Suttonpark. And -- and he said -- and

14 he described, you know, that we've done a lot of

15 investigations and reconciliations on the collateral

16 accounts, but, you know, we haven't necessarily gone

17 back to, you know -- you know, collect some of the

18 documents that are referred to in the complaint and

19 things like that in the New York litigation.

#### 20 Q. And what did you disagree with on that 21 score?

22 A. What -- in -- in -- not a

23 disagreement. Every case is different. And in a case

24 like this, when we got on the ground, one of the

25 priorities was securing the infrastructure at

1 that we entered the scene, it was a highly unstable

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2 environment. The employees were unstable. There --

3 the lawsuit had been filed. There was enormous cash

4 needs and it was really kind of a very unstable

5 environment in terms of operations. And -- and also,

6 because of the allegations, we needed to get control

7 of the -- of -- the largest enterprise was -- is

8 certainly Suttonpark in terms of day-to-day activity.

9 So that was really a priority. Obviously we had to

10 learn what was going on at Flair and Bonzah (phonetic)

11 and all these different things. But, you know, you've

12 got to put a gate around the enterprise that --

13 that -- where the allegations occurred.

Q. But the company has now chosen to file

15 litigation of its own and become a plaintiff in this

16 case, right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And you investigated the allegations in this

19 case before the complaint was filed?

A. Yes. This is happening under our watch.

21 If -- if -- if we had not pursued this, it's -- it's

22 highly...

23 (King & Spalding IT entered and exited the

24 room.)

25 BY MR. STARR:

1 Q. Sorry. Go ahead.

2 Sorry for the interruption.

3 A. No, no, it's fine.

4 Q. I didn't mean to interrupt your train of 5 thought.

6 A. It's fine.

7 It's -- I -- I realize there's a dispute

8 about what's going on here and -- and the -- and the

9 filing of the case and all that. But as a fiduciary,

10 if -- and I'm not trying to be flippant, but if --

11 if -- if this had occurred. And we said, oh, you

12 know, it's -- we don't really -- you know, no big

13 deal, no harm, no foul. I mean, you should object.

In other words, you should be -- I'm not

15 telling you what to do, but as stakeholder you say,

16 well, hold on a second. If -- if -- if A-CAP had

17 hired a contractor and they had perpetrated -- you

18 know, and there was a data intrusion. I mean, you

19 would be yelling. So under our watch, this is

20 something we felt that we had to investigate and deal 21 with.

22 Q. And in this case, I believe Mr. Shapiro

23 testified something like 600,000, \$700,000 are at

24 stake; is that right?

MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form. 25

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1 Suttonpark. And one of the first things we did was

2 build a team around Suttonpark led by Jim Howard,

3 who's a very skilled former banker, in servicing. And

4 we assessed that as more important than going back and

5 validating what's in the complaint. I mean,

6 there's -- you know, Leadenhall will have a forensic

7 account. They'll testify to what they think happen

8 and it's not -- he said we didn't -- we didn't do

9 that -- because I think he said it -- it wasn't a

10 financial -- we didn't have the funds.

11 I mean, it's -- that's part of the reason,

12 but it's just not a priority right now. There --

13 there was an event. There was allegations of double

14 banking, et cetera. Our mission as fiduciaries is to 15 kind of, you know, put a wall around everything and

16 make sure that -- from the day we get in there, we

17 have full access.

18 So it was more of a discussion, not really a

19 disagreement. But, you know, we just discussed that

20 topic a little bit from, my experience.

21 Q. So is it view -- your view that B. Riley's

22 top priority when you -- when you came in was

23 stabilizing operations rather than investigating

24 allegations made in litigation?

25 A. Yes. At that time, when we -- at the time

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Page 18 THE WITNESS: Well, I don't know if he said 1 now. 1 2 that's at stake. I think he was saying that would 2 3 be the -- the hard cost that's incurred. I don't 4 know if we know the full extent and -- of the --

5 of the risk around the -- around the data

6 intrusion.

7 BY MR. STARR:

Q. Well, how would you value the claims that 9 plaintiffs are pursuing in this case?

A. I mean, that's a good question. I think 11 part of the -- so -- so, I mean, part of the claims 12 would be the hard cost. Okay? Some of the claims --

13 well, first of all, it would be difficult to fully 14 evaluate all the claims until discovery's finished.

15 Okay? You got to -- you got to get through discovery

16 and assess the total universe of information that you

17 can glean from discovery and from the process. And --18 Q. Well, we have 2 weeks of discovery yet --

19 left, so we'll -- we'll be there soon.

20 A. Okay.

21 Q. Sorry. Sorry, didn't mean to -- continue.

22 A. That's -- fair enough.

23 And then you would assess the -- the impact,

24 not only from the hard costs. I don't know, I haven't

25 looked at it, is it possible the database has been

And some of those differences may relate to

3 collateral. Some of them may -- may relate to the

4 valuation of the collateral vis- -vis interest rate

5 movements. So it's not -- and Mr. Gillespie

6 (phonetic) himself commented on that in our own

7 meeting. So, I mean, I -- I don't know the number,

8 but it's not 600 million.

Q. There's also trebling -- trebling of damages 10 possibly in the New York case, right?

A. I think that's part of the RICO claim.

12 Q. Correct.

13 So I guess I'm just trying -- what I'm

14 trying to -- what I'm getting at, what I'm trying to

15 understand is why it was not a priority to investigate

16 the merits of the allegations in New York where, at

17 least in the complaint, Leadenhall claims over

18 600 million in damages, whereas it was a priority to

19 investigate the claims at issue in Florida, which

20 Mr. Shapiro testified were worth something like 6 or 21 \$700,000.

22 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

23 THE WITNESS: It's totally apples and

24 oranges. So let's back up. I'll try to explain

25 it again.

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1 damaged and there's a loss in value to the database.

2 In the future, that database has a substantial amount

3 of records. There's -- you know, I can't remember the

4 current balance, but it's more than a billion or

5 billions of structured settlement transactions in it.

6 Has the database been damaged? Is the integrity of

7 the database in question? I don't know the answer to

8 those questions today. And what's the impact of that.

Q. Well, would you agree that the claims at 10 issue in this case are worth somewhere south of 11 \$600 million?

12 A. Well, that's highly likely.

13 Q. And the claims at issue in the Leadenhall

14 case are -- or Leadenhall claims entitlement to

15 600 million or more in damages, right?

A. Yes. I think the -- the -- at the time,

17 I -- I was a lot more involved in the beginning of the

18 case. At the time that we had some mediation

19 activity, the 600 million is a full advancing of the

20 loan and it does not include the netting of the

21 current collateral value. So I -- I don't know the

22 number today, but it's not 600 million. And during

23 our mediation in New York, we -- we had some tighter

24 numbers around the difference between the collateral

25 and the loan balances. I don't remember the numbers

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1 This is something that occurred under our 2 watch, right? So under our watch -- and I'm using 3 "watch" as not -- not a technical term, so maybe 4 that's not a good -- a good term, but it's under 5 our -- under our administration of the 6 enterprises. Okay?

So as a fiduciary, whether receiver or -- or a CRO, fiduciary, you know, this is under our watch and it's something that we decided that required an investigation. All of the allegations in the New York litigation happened before we're

The parties are going to litigate that and the -- there has been discovery. There will be discovery. They will get the documents. And -and that -- those disputes will -- will play out in court. That's different than something that's happening operationally under our fiduciary-ship, if that's a good term. And -- and in consultation with counsel this was -- this is the type of matter that we would pursue.

So they're two different -- they're -they're -- they're kind of tote -- totally two different things.

25 BY MR. STARR:

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Q. So if your view, because the alleged

- 2 intrusions in this case occurred after B. Riley was in
- 3 control of operations, you felt you had an obligation
- 4 to -- a fiduciary obligation to do something about it?
- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Did you explore options -- responses short7 of filing a federal lawsuit?
- 8 A. Well, we had discussions internally about
- 9 what we ought to do, and that's why we hired Eric
- 10 Mazur and, you know, discussed it with counsel and,
- 11 you know, tried to look into this.
- 12 Q. What other options did you consider, if any?
- 13 A. Well --
- 14 Q. Other than filing a federal lawsuit.
- 15 A. I mean, the options -- and I don't recall
- 16 the -- the -- I -- it's not like there's a slideshow
- 17 that had these are the nine options that we're
- 18 thinking of. It's all the fluid process. There's
- 19 options from do nothing, do noth- -- literally do
- 20 nothing, to file a -- file a lawsuit and investigate
- 21 and try to, you know, find out and -- and try to
- 22 pursue a claim that we thought we had. And -- and
- 23 those options were discussed amongst the group.
- Q. Did you file the lawsuit before or after youinvestigated what had happened?
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  - A. If I recall the timeline, pretty -- pretty
- 2 closely after the discovery of the intrusion, we
- 3 retained Mr. Mazur to do some work with Shawn and did
- 4 that work leading up to the filing of the suit. So
- 5 the -- the suit, I think, was filed in September. And
- 6 I believe that the investigative work was done in
- 7 August, August and September. And then there was some
- 8 amendments and things like that. And, again, I'm not
- 9 day-to-day in -- in the case.
- 10 Q. Okay. Did you rely primarily on Mr. Mazur's
- 11 analysis in deciding whether to file a lawsuit?
- 12 A. No. I think we -- I think Mr. Shapiro and I
- 13 consulted with -- with David -- with Mr. Pellegrino,
- 14 Mr. McCarthy, Mr. O'Reilly, Mr. Walder, you know,
- 15 Mollie Wander, the legal team, Shawn Taheri. I think
- 16 it was -- there was a lot of conversation around it.
- 17 It was not a -- you know, it was not a, oh, let's just
- 18 do this. I mean, there was -- there was some thought
- 19 around doing this or not.
- 20 Q. And did you distinguish between the decision
- 21 whether to file a lawsuit at all and the decision of
- 22 which parties to name as defendants?
- 23 A. Could you repeat that? I'm not sure --
- 24 Q. Yes.
- 25 A. -- I understand the exact question.

- Page 24 Q. Sure. Yeah, let me -- I guess I'll break it
- 2 down.
- 3 So on August 9, which I believe is when you
- 4 learned of the intrusions; is that right?
- 5 A. Yes. I -- I don't know the exact date.
- 6 I -- I want to be careful not to be, you know...
- 7 Q. Sure.
- 8 I'll just represent that August 9 is when
- 9 the alerts were generated by the intrusions that are10 specified in Mr. Mazur's report.
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. And those alerts pointed clearly to the
- 13 credentials of Noah Davis. Are you aware of that?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay. So at that point -- well, so I guess
- 16 what I'm asking is: When did you -- at what point in
- 17 time did you decide which defendants to name in this
- 18 case?
- 19 A. Okay. So -- and, again, it's I can't -- I
- 20 can't define an exact time or date where we exactly
- 21 decided as a -- as a group who's the defendants. But
- 22 my understanding it's -- it's like a chain. If
- 23 Leadenhall is A, Saiph is an agent for Leadenhall, and
- 24 then Noah Davis is an agent, a contractor to Saiph.
- 25 So it's -- it -- to me, it -- it's the chain of
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- 1 command, you know. I mean, I -- I almost wouldn't see
- 2 it any other way. When -- when an employee at B.
- 3 Riley does something that someone doesn't like, they
- 4 sue the employ- -- they sue B. Riley. So -- so to
- 5 me -- I don't know. I just didn't see it any other
- 6 way. And maybe there is another way to see it, but I
- 7 didn't see it any other way.
- 8 Q. So you have several professional
- 9 certifications, right?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. You are a CPA; is that right?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Active?
- 14 A. Yes. Licensed in Georgia.
- 15 Q. Okay. And an ASA?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. What is an ASA?
- 18 A. I'm an accredited senior appraiser in the
- 19 American Society of Appraisers, business valuation
- 20 section.
- 21 Q. Have you performed a business valuation for
- 22 777 Partners and 600 Partners?
- 23 A. I have not.
- 24 Q. Have you performed a valuation of
- 25 Suttonpark?

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- A. I have not.
- 2 Q. Has anyone on your team?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. You're also a certified fraud examiner?
- 5 A. Yes. I am.
- 6 Q. What does that mean? What does it mean to

#### 7 be a certified fraud examiner?

- B A. Well, I mean, I've -- I've -- there's an
- 9 association called the National Association of
- 10 Certified Fraud Examiners, and they promulgate
- 11 standards for fraud investigation and tests, exams,
- 12 professional CPE, continuing professional education.
- 13 And in the '90s, early '90s, I became certified as a
- 14 certified fraud examiner with the National Association
- 15 of Certified Fraud Examiners.
- 16 And at that time did, you know, the course
- 17 of study and the exams and then I've maintained that
- 18 ever since. It's a professional body dedicated to
- 19 the -- delegate -- dedicated to promulgating standards
- 20 and -- and professional practice and training and
- 21 things like that.
- 22 Q. So your -- your B. Riley bio says that
- 23 you're best known as an expert witness in complex
- 24 commercial cases, fraud investigations, and solvency
- 25 related valuation disputes. Is that -- I am quoting
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### 1 from it. But do you agree with that characterization?

- A. Yeah. I mean, regrettably I've been doing
- $3\,$  this a long time and -- and I've done a lot of big
- 4 cases in that description.
- 5 Q. About --
- 6 A. A lot people know me in that -- in the vein.
- 7 Q. About what percentage of your work relates

### 8 to fraud investigations?

- 9 A. Today, not much at all because our pract- --
- 10 our practice -- well, first of all, my practice
- 11 changes over time, right? 2007 and '8 through about
- 12 2013, '14, it's 100 percent bankruptcy restructure,
- 13 turnaround management.
- 14 And then in the more recent years, it's more
- 15 litigation support, expert witness, trade secrets,
- 16 loss profits, solvency disputes. So it changes over
- 17 time.
- 18 Our practice is not doing that much fraud
- 19 investigation work. As in the old days, when I was
- 20 with Kroll, that was a big part of our practice.
- 21 Today there's just less investigative work being done
- 22 by consulting firms. Believe it or not, the law firms
- 23 are doing a lot of that work.
- 24 Q. Oh, I do believe it.
- 25 A. Yeah.

- Q. Yeah.
- 2 A. So it's changed a little bit.
- 3 Q. Yeah.
- 4 A. The entire practice.
- 5 Q. Gotcha.
- 6 Have you assessed the ownership structure of

#### 7 777 Partners and 600 Partners?

- 8 A Yes
- 9 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, I missed the
- 10 question.
- 11 BY MR. STARR:
- 12 Q. Have you assessed the ownership structure of

#### 13 777 Partners and 600 Partners?

- 14 A. When you say "assessed," I haven't formed
- 15 any opinions on it. I have a -- I have a workbook
- 16 that has 64 pages, slideshow. And I often refer to
- 17 it. Not -- not anymore, but in the beginning of the
- 18 case I'd often refer to that deck to remind me where a
- 19 certain enterprise would sit in the entity, in the
- 20 overall corporate structure.
- 21 Q. Has the ownership structure of 777 Partners
- 22 changed since you got involved as manager of the 777
- 23 entities?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. So who owns 777 Partners today?

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- 1 A. I mean, I -- I think ultimately the -- the
- 2 two top -- top tier HoldCos are HoldCos controlled by
- 3 Steve Pasko and -- and Josh Wander. The ultimate
- 4 equity ownership hasn't changed. Maybe there's one --
- 5 one ownership structure change at Sutton National that 6 I was involved with.
- 7 MR. STARR: Can we mark that as Ratner
- 8 Exhibit 1, please.
- 9 (Ratner Exhibit 1 was marked for
- 10 identification.)
- 11 BY MR. STARR:
- 12 Q. Mr. Ratner, you've been handed a document
- 13 marked as Exhibit 1. Can you please identify that
- 14 document?
- 15 A. (Perusing.)
- 16 Yeah. This is a declaration that I -- that
- 17 I prepared in May 2024 associated with the New York
- 18 litigation.
- 19 Q. And if you go to Paragraph 5.
- 20 A. (Complying.)
- 21 Q. In that paragraph, you say that the
- 22 HoldCos -- and in this context, that refers to 777
- 23 Partners and 600 Partners; is that correct?
- 24 A. Yes, sir.
- 25 Q. Okay. So you say that (as read) "The

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1 HoldCos have retained B. Riley to serve as independent

2 fiduciaries to oversee operations, evaluate financial

3 performance, and resolve outstanding

4 disputes...including the instant dispute with

5 plaintiffs Leadenhall Capital Partners and Leadenhall

6 Life."

7 Do you see that?

8 A. Yes, sir (perusing).

9 Q. Okay. So what have you done to attempt to

10 resolve the dispute between Leadenhall and the

11 HoldCos?

12 A. So a lot in the earlier part of the case.

13 The -- the matter -- Mr. Starr, the matter, I -- I

14 believe, has, in my mind, certain phases, you know, in

15 terms of activity of the team, of the B. Riley team.

16 And in the early part of the matter, there

17 was a lot of effort around trying to come up with a

18 resolution, which I am hopeful we can get back to.

19 There -- there's not been much in -- from my

20 understanding. Again, I'm not -- since Septemberish,

21 Octoberish, I have not been that involved day-to-day.

22 But at -- you know, I'm hoping that we can come back

23 to and attempt to resolve the dispute.

24 In the early part of the case, number one,

25 there was, I think, a court-mandated mediation at --

Page 32 mean by "the merits." I mean, the allegation is

2 that there are certain securities that are, so to

3 speak, double banked and the collateral is -- is

4 not -- is -- is not there for all of the loan

5 draws.

6 BY MR. STARR:

7 Q. Well, let me clarify.

So I think earlier you testified -- correct

9 me if I'm wrong, but earlier you testified that it

10 wasn't a priority to investigate the allegations of

11 fraud made by Leadenhall when B. Riley came in?

12 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

13 BY MR. STARR:

14 Q. Is that...?

15 A. Well, it's not that it wasn't a priority.

16 It's that it's already documented, so to speak, in the

17 complaint. And some of that -- some of what's

18 documented -- you know, you're going -- you're going

19 to have a forensic accountant that's going to prepare

20 a report and he's going to reconcile the -- he's going

21 to reconcile the draws.

22 And -- and the word investigation also, in

23 my mind, you know, includes things like, you know,

24 interviewing people and having conversations and

25 getting text messages and do -- you know, putting the

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1 in New York where we were -- we had a very positive

2 sit down. And, in fact, designed a structure, a bit

3 of a liquidating trust structure. And there were

4 certain correspondence between us and A-CAP and

5 Leadenhall to develop that kind of liquidating

6 structure. So there was a lot of activity around 7 that.

8 There's been other fits and starts of

9 conversations, primarily driven through Mark,

10 Mr. Jordi Guso, and Roger Schwartz. There was also an

11 attempt at a phone call to try to get things back on

12 track, where I had a call with Leadenhall to, again,

13 try to get us back on track, to try to come up with

14 some kind of waterfall structure. And that call did

15 not result in any positive move forward. So there's

16 been a lot of attempts. Less so more recently, I17 believe.

18 Q. So how could you resolve the --

19 MR. STARR: Well, withdraw that question.

20 BY MR. STARR:

21 Q. Is it the case that you have not assessed

22 the merits of Leadenhall's claims, investigated the

23 merits of Leadenhall claims in the New York case?

24 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

25 THE WITNESS: Well, I'm not sure what you

Page 3 1 story together. A lot of that you've done in your

2 complaint, so to speak. Whether it's all accurate or

3 not, it'll come out in discovery.

4 We have a reconciliation of the accounts.

5 We know the loan balances. We know the collateral

6 pools. Mr. Howard has really -- and Mrs. Licamora

7 have really taken control of Suttonpark. So there has

8 been investigations at Suttonpark in the -- in the

9 reconciliation of the draws and the underlying

10 collateral. No question.

11 Q. So you -- you have done the forensic

12 accounting and reconciliation process that you

13 referred to?

I4 A. Yeah. I mean, I -- on -- on -- to me,

15 that's more -- not math, but it's more dealing with

16 the accounts as opposed to -- as opposed to the why

17 and the how, you know, that you might drive from an

18 investigation. Do you see how I'm differentiating a

19 little bit?

20 Q. Ido. Yes, Ido.

21 Are you familiar with the condition of the 22 collateral portfolio?

23 A. Yes. I mean, I don't know all.

24 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

25 BY MR. STARR:



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Page 34 Page 36 Q. With Leadenhall's collateral portfolio. 1 been doing this a long time. In the end, when you say 1 2 MR. STARR: Objection to form. 2 the merits of their claim, are you saying like the 3 THE WITNESS: I mean, I don't have the 3 merits of the RICO claim or the merits of the 4 reconciliations on hand at the moment, but I know 4 reconciliation or the merits of the potential loss? 5 Q. What I mean is the merits of the legal that we have the data and we know which accounts 6 are theirs and the loan balances and, you know, 6 claims asserted and the allegations underlying them. 7 which -- how much cash they've gotten since we've 7 The reason I ask is that, you know, in my profession, been on board. And, you know, it's all -- we have 8 8 when we advise a client about potentially settling a 9 a very tight control on the Suttonpark 9 case --10 recordkeeping. 10 A. Right. 11 BY MR. STARR: 11 Q. -- we typically do so with an eye toward, 12 Q. Okay. How much collateral --12 well, how much exposure do we face here? How 13 MR. MORLAN: Mr. Pellegrino, would you state 13 meritorious are the claim? What is the likelihood 14 the basis for your objection, please? 14 that you are held liable on these claims and pay 15 MR. STARR: Hold on, Hal. Let me just 15 100 percent of what's claimed as recovery? So it 16 continue this. 16 sounds like to me that that assessment has not been 17 BY MR. STARR: 17 done, but correct me if I'm wrong. 18 Q. How much collateral is there left? 18 A. Well, I'm --19 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form. 19 A. I don't recall. 20 Q. Could you ballpark it? 20 THE WITNESS: I don't -- I don't -- I --21 21 A. I can't. I -- I don't -- I think there's a multi- -- I 22 22 MR. STARR: Okay. mean, the question you just asked me had like nine 23 23 MR. PELLEGRINO: Yeah. The question was subquestions in it. So I think we have to unpack 24 24 vague and ambiguous. There's multiple Leadenhall it a little bit to get to the essence of what 25 25 portfolios, and I'm not sure the questioner and we're able to do and what a lawyer does, right? Page 35 Page 37 1 the testifier or witness were understanding which 1 So it would be foolhardy for anybody on my team to 2 portfolio was at issue. So I -- I objected to 2 assess the merits of a RICO claim. I mean, we're 3 3 form. not attorneys. We wouldn't have -- we don't have 4 MR. STARR: Can we actually go off the 4 the -- that's not our mission, right? 5 record for just one moment? I've got a tech issue 5 So in terms of assessing the -- the -- let's 6 with my little realtime transcription. 6 call it the underlying New York litigation. In --7 MR. PELLEGRINO: Sure. 7 in the terms of assessing the claims and the 8 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record. 8 litigation, that is done in consultation with --9 The time is 8:52. 9 in consultation with counsel. So that's number 10 (A recess was taken.) 10 one. Okay? MR. STARR: Okay. We're back on the record, 11 11 BY MR. STARR: 12 and the time is now 8:59. 12 Q. Mm-hmm. 13 BY MR. STARR: 13 A. So in assessing an exposure, there's Q. Okay. Mr. Shap- -- I almost said 14 14 financial exposure, legal exposure, merits of the 15 Mr. Shapiro. Mr. Ratner. 15 case, the likelihood of success in litigation. Many 16 So the declaration says that one of your 16 of those matters are -- many of those matters would 17 duties or one of your charges is to resolve 17 fall under the legal consulting -- you know, the legal 18 outstanding disputes, right? 18 expertise, right? We're not lawyers. 19 A. (Perusing.) In terms of the -- in terms of the financial 20 Yes, sir. 20 side, absolutely. We would assess the shortfall and 21 Q. What I was going to ask is -- before the 21 the differential between the collateral value and the 22 break is, how can you attempt to resolve the dispute 22 loan amounts. So in -- in -- in an assessment it's, 23 with Leadenhall if you have not assessed the merits of 23 okay, the difference between the collateral and the 24 their claims of fraud? 24 loan amount is \$200 million. Of that \$200 million, 25 A. I mean, the -- I mean, again, I've -- I've 25 25 million or 30 million is interest rate fluctuation.



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1 It has nothing to do with, you know, collateral,

- 2 missing collateral.
- 3 You know, so -- and then it's what's the
- 4 likelihood of success or failure on the case, right?
- 5 Which you're getting feedback from a lawyer. And then
- 6 it's, oh, so it's a 50/50, so it's -- oh, so the value
- 7 is such and such. So there's a whole process of
- 8 figuring out what the value of a claim is, which
- 9 includes both accounting expertise and legal
- 10 expertise.
- 11 And then the last layer is that the -- from
- 12 a solvency, you know, waterfall perspective, you know,
- 13 judgment would be, you know, unsecured claim against
- 14 the enterprise, right? And there's a lot of secured
- 15 claims. So -- you know, so it's a whole -- has -- has
- 16 all that work been done? Yeah, it's been done. It's
- 17 been discussed. It's been analyzed. It's been
- 18 considered. It's a living, breathing -- certainly in
- 19 the beginning there was a lot of activity around this
- 20 very topic you raised.
- 21 Q. Would you agree that a through line for all
- 22 that analysis is the underlying factual allegations,
- 23 the facts?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. Okay. And have you or your team

Page 38 1 A. Yes, sir.

2 Q. Paragraph 12.

3 You see in the middle of the paragraph there

4 where you say with respect to Mr. Pasko and Wander

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5 that "they remain employed be the 777 Entities"?

- A. Yes, sir (perusing).
- 7 Q. And was that accurate in May 2024?
- B A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. Is it accurate today?
- 10 A. They are no longer employees. Where -- show
- 11 me which line -- I -- I know -- I read it and it says
- 12 they're employed, but they are employed at that time.
- 13 Q. It's six lines down. And I understand this
- 14 was written almost a year ago.
- 15 A. Yeah, they -- they -- absolutely they were
- 16 employed at that time.
- 17 Q. And now they are not?
- 18 A. They are not.

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- 19 Q. And what is their role now?
- 20 A. They have a consulting agreement.
  - Q. Do you know who the parties to that or those
- 22 consulting agreements are?
- 23 A. Well, for certain 777 and 600 Partners. I
- 24 don't know if they did it through themselves
- 25 personally or through some other entity, but I think

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- 1 investigated factually what happened in relation to
- 2 the allegations made in the Leadenhall case in New
- 3 York?
- 4 A. I'm not sure which facts you're referring
- 5 to. Certainly we are focused on the dollars and the
- 6 loans and the collateral. Was somebody -- did
- 7 somebody alter a document and things like that, 8 vis- -vis this. I -- I mean, you have a lot of facts
- 9 that you list out in the complaint. I don't
- 10 believe -- I could be wrong. I don't believe that our
- 11 team has gone back and verified this or that or text
- $12\,$  message or things around the investigative issues. I
- 13 don't believe we've done that.
- 14 Q. Turning back to your declaration,
- 15 Mr. Ratner. If you could flip ahead to Paragraph 12.
- 16 A. (Complying.)
- 17 Q. And in Paragraph 12, you're discussing
- 18 Mr. Pasko and Mr. Wander, right?
- 19 A. Okay. I just want to --
- 20 Q. Yeah.
- 21 A. -- read a little bit before that.
- 22 Q. Sure. Go ahead.
- 23 A. (Perusing.)
- 24 Yes, sir. Paragraph 12?
- 25 Q. Yes.

1 it's just personally.

### 2 Q. Do you know whether they're paid for their

3 consulting services, Mr. Wander and Pasko?

- 4 A. They may -- they may have been paid a little
- 5 bit. They have -- they -- they have quite a
- 6 bit of outstandings that are going to be -- obviously
- 7 we're not -- there will be a settlement on that. I
- 8 mean, they -- they continue to spend time on the 9 matter.
- 10 Q. Do you know which entity pays them?
- 11 A. I'm -- I am not in the -- I don't know.
- 12 Q. Okay.
- 13 A. They've not been paid much.
- 14 Q. And I think you testified earlier that your
- 15 involvement on this engagement and 777 Partners has
- 16 diminished?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Could you just sort of walk me through at a
- 19 high level, you know, when you came in and -- and the
- 20 level of your engagement up through the present?
- 21 A. Yeah, sure. The -- the -- Mr. Starr, I -- I
- 22 look at this case and we -- and I know yesterday there
- 23 was some confusion about case and case. When we refer
- 24 to the case, we're referring to the 777, 600 Partners
- 25 matter.



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Q. Yes. 1

2 A. Not the Florida case.

3 Q. The engagement from B. Riley's perspective?

- 4 A. The case.
- 5 Q. Is that fair?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Yeah.
- A. And I -- I was listening yesterday to parts 9 of it yesterday and I was like wow.
- 10 The -- May -- we -- we really get on 11 site in early May. I think we're retained on May --
- 12 in the beginning of May (perusing).
- 13 Here, May 3rd. Right.
- 14 So, you know, I have a meeting out there in
- 15 the -- the -- I have a meeting out there the week
- 16 before we're retained on May 3rd. From May, we --
- 17 literally we're on site every day. Mark, myself,
- 18 Michael Thatcher (phonetic), Jim Howard. We
- 19 established -- immediately we established a separate
- 20 team around Suttonpark. Okay? There's a lot of
- 21 activity there.
- 22 So the -- the beginning of the case was
- 23 extremely active in terms of, you know, there was
- 24 many, many different businesses, there was, you know,

1 beginning, we had a -- a larger team and more focused. 2 Okay? So Mark and I were essentially full-time in

Q. At what point did you -- sorry, continue.

A. Dividing -- we were doing different things.

8 enterprise. When we got there, we were in a massive,

9 you know, 25,000-square foot or more office. We're

And so there's -- there's this -- there's

13 this process and I become less involved as the case

Number two, I had some other client

16 commitments and some corporate commitments. So my

Since -- since -- since mid September, I

22 you know, two, three times a week to update me. I may

20 have a very low amount of hours involved in the case.

21 I mean, I still get a call from Mark at, you know --

23 still speak to Mr. McCarthy from time to time. But

24 really since middle of September, later September

25 I'm -- I have a very small number of hours dedicated

6 My involvement in the case, as we start settling

10 now in a, you know, executive suite, which is

14 starts to get organized, number one.

17 involvement in the case really shrinks 18 in Septemberish, later September.

11 something that I worked.

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7 things, resolving, terminating, people shrinking the

25 things coming out of the woodwork. And in the

3 this deal for the first several months.

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- 1 to the case. So that would be October, November,
- 2 December, January, February.
- Q. Yeah. Okay.
- And during the period when you were more 5 involved, did you confer with Mr. Josh Wander about
- 6 business decision for the company?
- 7 A. Certainly in the beginning. I mean, we get
- 8 there in May and it's all about collecting
- 9 information, investigating. You know, we're -- we're
- 10 meeting with the liquidator of Bonzah. We're trying
- 11 to understand Flair. We're trying to understand --
- 12 and I can't even remember the name now. It's -- there
- 13 was a company involved in plastics and cups and all
- 14 that. Massive cash needs.
- 15 So in the beginning we're certainly relying
- 16 on Mr. Wander, Mr. Pasko, Mr. O'Reilly, Brett Kaufman,
- 17 the entire team to collect information and -- to
- 18 educate us and to -- and what I'd say is we're forming
- 19 our own assessment of what they're telling us. In the
- 20 beginning you don't know enough to form an assessment, 21 right.
- 22 So in the beginning I wouldn't say they're
- 23 involved in business decisions, that we really kind
- 24 turned off right away.
- Q. Mm-hmm. 25

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Page 45 A. You know, they're really not involved in

- 2 decisions, but they know everything and we were
- 3 getting a lot of information.
- 4 Q. And what is your assessment of what they 5 were telling you?
- A. Mr. Pasko is more of an operator. And, you
- 7 know, the HR committee, you know, oh, we -- the 401(k)
- 8 bonus, you know, oh, this was the bonus plan we had
- 9 or, you know, like -- you know, very much into the
- 10 operations.
- 11 And Mr. Wander is more involved in the
- 12 businesses. And -- and he has, in my view, an
- 13 optimistic view of most items.
- Q. So you disagree with Mr. Wander's assessment
- 15 of business outlook? A. Who does?
- 17 Q. Do you?

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- 18 A. I mean, we're dealing -- I -- I wouldn't
- 19 even say I agree or disagree. We're dealing with the
- 20 facts on the ground. Is that fair? It -- it's --
- 21 it's a different kind of role.
- 22 Q. Did A-CAP ask Mr. Pasko and Mr. Wander to 23 resign as managers?
- 24 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I'm trying to remember the --

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how -- you know, those -- I was very involved in

- 2 the beginning conversations. I don't know if they
- 3 decided on their own it would be better. I -- I
- 4 don't know if Mr. Pasko or Mr. Wander decided on
- 5 their own if they were going to do it or somebody
- 6 suggested. When I -- when I got onto the scene,
- 7 that was already on the -- that was already kind
- 8 of on the plate, that that kind transaction would
- 9 happen.

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- 10 BY MR. STARR:
- Q. Did you -- and you agreed with the decision 11
- 12 for them to resign?
- 13 A. Sure. I mean, based on the allegations in
- 14 the complaint and based on the confusion that we then
- 15 saw on the ground, certainly. Yeah, that conversation
- 16 was definitely in place when we -- when I showed up.
- 17 Q. So if -- one second.
- 18 So after B. Riley was retained, Mr. Wander
- 19 made a statement to the press in which he said, you
- 20 know, Steve Pasko and I maintain our active roles at
- 21 777 Partners. Is -- is that an accurate statement or
- 22 an inaccurate statement?
- 23 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 24 THE WITNESS: The fact that it was said?
- 25 BY MR. STARR:

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- Q. No, the substance of his statement.
- 2 A. I mean, the -- the fact that it was said in
- 3 a press release or in an e-mail to the staff, I think
- 4 is accurate. You might have the e-mail. I don't -- I
- 5 haven't seen it in a long time. The -- can you
- 6 repeat -- can you repeat the question?
- 7 Q. Yeah.
- So the question is: Was the substance of
- 9 Mr. Wander's statement "Steve Pasko and I maintain our
- 10 active roles at trip- -- 777 Partners" true?
- A. Well, the -- at the time, I think the
- 12 substance of that was they were active. They were
- 13 still employees. They were -- they were helping
- 14 advise us on what the heck was going on until we
- 15 really captured an understanding of it. So at the
- 16 time, you know, they were not making decisions. They
- 17 did not have decision making power. It is a massive
- 18 sea change.
- 19 Having done fiduciary work, you know, I've
- 20 been a CRO before. I've been a receiver before. I --
- 21 I've liquidated companies. I -- you know, it's a sea
- 22 change. One minute they're running everything and the
- 23 next minute you've got, you know, two guys from B.
- 24 Riley that no one knows. It -- it takes time. It
- 25 took time for them even to recognize what was -- you

- Page 48 1 know, to really absorb the changes. So, in substance,
- 2 they were still helping us and they were still active.
- 3 I think the word that they used in that press release
- 4 is active or something like that.
- Q. Right, yep.
- A. They were active. It was very busy. People
- 7 worked, you know, 20 hours a day there. It was -- it
- 8 was very active. There was a lot of media -- inbound
- 9 media at that time. And, you know, part of our job
- 10 was to quiet things down a little bit and, you know,
- 11 try to figure out what was happening. So I wouldn't
- 12 say it was inaccurate and I wouldn't say it was -- you
- 13 know, I would say, in substance, it's fine. You know,
- 14 it's -- it's -- it's -- it's very nuance.
- 15 Because, in substance, they were very active, but they
- 16 weren't making -- you know, it didn't say they were
- 17 making decisions, did it?
- 18 Q. So in Paragraph 8 of your declaration,
- 19 you're discussing Mr. Pasko and Mr. Wander's
- 20 resignation. And you say (as read) "That same day,"
- 21 that is May 6th, "the representative members of those
- 22 entities," meaning 777 and 600, "accepted the
- 23 resignations and appointed you and Mr. Glass as
- 24 managers."
- 25 Do you see that?

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- A. Yeah. Which Paragraph? You're on 8? 1
  - 2 Q. Paragraph 8, yes.
  - 3 A. "The same day that" (perusing)...
  - 4 Yes, sir.
  - 5 Q. Do you know who the members of 777 Partners
  - 6 and 600 Partners are?
  - A. Now or then?
  - Q. Then. 8
  - 9 A. Sure.
  - 10 Q. Who are they?
  - 11 A. It's the -- again, I -- I didn't -- I didn't
  - 12 go back and look at all my slide deck, but they
  - 13 were -- the -- the -- ultimately the members were
  - 14 their holding companies.
  - Q. So is it -- is it true that in essence
  - 16 Mr. Wander -- Mr. Wander and Mr. Pasko caused entities
  - 17 that they control to accept their own resignations?
  - 18 Is that what this paragraph is describing, in essence?
  - 19 A. Yes.
  - 20 Q. Okay.
  - A. The -- just for full answer, our corporate
  - 22 governance and counsel advisor on -- on these
  - 23 transaction was Shelly DeRousse who's with Smith
  - 24 Gambrell. So, you know, Shelly's involved in this, so
  - 25 we're relying on Shelly's advice as we're --

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1 Mrs. DeRousse's advice as we're doing that.

- 2 The idea was that they hired Mark and then
- 3 they resigned.
- 4 Q. Looking ahead to Paragraph 10 -- well, go
- 5 ahead and review Paragraph 10 of your declaration --
- A. Sure. Thank you --
- 7 Q. -- please.
- 8 Yeah.
- 9 A. -- Mr. Starr (perusing).
- 10 Yes, sure. I was involved in this.
- 11 Q. So that paragraph says that Wander and Pasko
- 12 executed resolutions waiving their authority to remove
- 13 managers through December 31st, right?
- 14 A. Yes, sir. They -- Mr. Schwartz was
- 15 concerned that we wouldn't be able to do our job and
- 16 that he -- I don't remember how he -- he may have
- 17 communicated this directly to us, but that they would
- 18 still -- that Mr. Wander and Mr. Pasko would still
- 19 have the right to terminate us, modify and -- and I
- 20 forget. I mean, we went through all these documents
- 21 with Smith Gambrell.
- 22 So I believe I came up with the view that we
- 23 would contractually -- and then I think the resolution
- 24 might have been Smith Gambrell's idea, but I came up
- 25 with the view that why don't we just agree that

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- 1 And I -- I don't remember the specifics. That would2 affect the ability of the members to act -- of the
- Z affect the ability of the members to act -- of the
- 3 owners to act. The members to act. I believe that
- 4 they -- they executed certain powers that they have
- 5 under their agreements.
- 6 Q. So A-CAP has the power to restrict the
- 7 members' rights in that way?
- 8 A. I believe under certain of the loan
- 9 documents. I think -- I don't -- I don't remember
- 10 what Mr. Shapiro said, but I think he may have had
- 11 more specificity than I did, than I recall.
- 12 Q. You see in Paragraph 5 you're describing the
- 13 professionals from B. Riley as independent
- 14 fiduciaries?
- 15 A. Yes (perusing).
- 16 Q. Okay. So you consider yourself an
- 17 independent fiduciary in this matter?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. To whom do you owe fiduciary duties?
- 20 A. To the stakeholders, which would be -- I
- 21 mean, you know, technically is it to the lenders and
- 22 the creditors. But I think typically we -- we look at
- 23 it as to all the different stakeholders, which are,
- 24 you know, equity holders, debt holders, creditors,
- 25 employees. I mean, you know.

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- 1 there'll be a time period where they would -- they
- 2 would give up their control to modify. And then --
- 3 and then we went through this process of a resolution,
- 4 which I don't recall exactly, but there was a
- 5 resolution around that.
- 6 Q. The idea is that you're tying yourself to
- 7 the mast, right?
- 8 A. Yeah.
- 9 Q. Can't undo the decision --
- 10 A. Yeah.
- 11 Q. -- or they couldn't undo the decision.
- 12 Were those waivers extended at any point?
- 13 Do you know?
- 14 A. I do not believe they were.
- 15 Q. Okay. So do the members of 777 and 600
- 16 Partners currently have the power to remove B. Riley
- 17 at any time?
- 18 A. I do not believe they can.
- 19 Q. Why not?
- 20 A. Because -- and, again, I'm less -- this --
- 21 this is all more recent. I believe that leading --
- 22 leading into -- at some point prior to December 31,
- 23 2024, I believe that A-CAP either enforced certain
- 24 provisions of their credit agreements, proxies or
- 25 whatever, that -- that would -- that would affect.

- 1 Q. So you do consider yourself --
  - A. We're doing the best we can. Yeah, we --
  - 3 we're -- we're -- we're trying to do the best we can
  - 4 in an independent fashion, which sometimes puts us at

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- 5 odds with the owners, the lenders, the creditors, the
- 6 employees.
- Q. So you do consider yourself a fiduciary to8 creditors of 777?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Yeah.
- 12 BY MR. STARR:
- 13 Q. And in Paragraph 17 of your declaration, you
- 14 say that you've (as read) "determined it will take
- 15 several million dollars a month to cover the payroll
- 16 and overhead of the HoldCos without regard to
- 17 operating cash required at the various portfolio
- 18 companies."
- 19 Do you see that?
- 20 A. Yes, sir (perusing).
- 21 Q. And, again, the HoldCos are 777 and 600
- 22 Partners?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Have the HoldCos been able to raise several
- 25 million dollars a month to pay their overhead and



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#### 1 payroll costs?

- A. Well, those numbers have come down fast.
- 3 You, know when we came in there -- I don't remember
- 4 the numbers, but we did in the first -- this was --
- 5 this was drafted, I guess, in May. So the first 2,
- 6 3 weeks we were working with Brett Kaufman, who is the
- 7 CFO and DC Mendoza [sic], who's no longer there who
- 8 was like an operations guy, and we were developing
- 9 cash flow models.
- 10 You know, the rent, just getting out of the
- 11 lease. You know, we had massive leases. We had
- 12 leases in California and in -- and there was a lot
- 13 of over -- a lot of overhead and a lot of employees at
- 14 the HoldCo level that were actually portfolio level
- 15 employees that were being paid. So we pushed all that
- 16 down to the portfolios and said, well, if you don't
- 17 need this guy, then you need to get rid of him because
- 18 we can't -- you know, so there was a lot of expenses
- 19 being paid at the top co. So those numbers came down
- 20 rapidly. And -- yeah, and we've been able to maintain 21 it.

#### 22 Q. Does A-CAP provide funding for 777 Partners 23 to remain in operation?

24 A. Partially. I mean, I think Mark -- there's 25 a funding agreement. I mean, Mark prepares cash flows

Page 56 1 calls. So there was a couple -- like less than three

2 touch points where -- it's just who are you? What do

3 you do? How do you do this? That kind of stuff.

### Q. And how did they explain to you what they 5 were looking for at that point in time?

- A. I'm not even sure they knew. They --
- 7 they -- they were trying to understand what is a CRO,
- 8 what is a -- how could we help get involved in -- in
- 9 the -- in the situation and get a handle on -- on the
- 10 costs and the situation. And -- and, you know, what
- 11 are the different -- I -- I don't think they said, oh,
- 12 we want you to be the CEO.
- Like it was more of like tell us more what
- 14 you guys do, you're -- and -- and I might have used
- 15 the word chief restructuring officer in those
- 16 conversations with them. And it was more like tell us
- 17 what your practice, how you do what you do, who does
- 18 it, what are the different possibilities. You know,
- 19 very, very base level type stuff.

### Q. At some point did you interview with anyone 21 from 777 Partners before getting the job?

- 22 A. Yeah, sure, of course. Because you're --
- 23 you're working -- it's the debtor's side. So I -- so
- 24 the first interaction is with -- with A-CAP. I know
- 25 through Mr. McClintock they were talking to other

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- Page 55 1 and requirements. And also there's been other sources
- 2 of cash and, you know, he's -- he's been managing that
- 3 since Day 1. I'm not managing that day-to-day at all.
- Q. Okay. Mr. Ratner, how did B. Riley come to 5 be hired for this engagement? Could you walk me 6 through that process?
- A. Yes. There is an attorney in Chicago area
- 8 named Matt McClintock with a law firm called Goldstein
- 9 McClintock, a firm that we've worked with for years.
- 10 Matt may have seen some -- another B. Riley person in
- 11 our real estate group and said, oh, I have something
- 12 for lan, I'm going to call him or something like that.
- 13 And then I -- I spoke with Matt about the matter. And
- 14 then he arranged a video interview with me and -- and 15 I don't know exact -- I think Matt was -- is -- was
- 16 retained by A-CAP in some fashion. But he did arrange
- 17 an interview first. The first person I spoke to from
- 18 all the different parties was I had a video inter- --
- 19 a video meeting with Mr. Kenny King or maybe first was
- 20 a phone call and then a video. But Mr. King and
- 21 Mrs. -- and Mrs. Jill Gettman. Those were my first
- 22 interactions with this matter. We either spoke by
- 23 video -- we definitely had one video interview.
- 24 Q. Mm-hmm.
- 25 A. And probably -- and maybe one or two phone

- 1 people. I just happen to know that. Matt mentioned 2 that.
- 3 And then somebody gave -- either -- either
- 4 Mr. McClintock or somebody at A-CAP gave me the phone
- 5 numbers and contact information for Mr. Wander and
- 6 Pasko. And literally the next week I was going to be
- 7 in Florida on another matter and I said, oh, I'm going
- 8 to be in Miami, maybe I'll come by and meet you. So
- 9 we didn't even really do a -- we may have had a short
- 10 telephonic conversation about who are we and what do 11 we do.
- 12 And then I went to the 777 office on
- 13 Brickell myself. And I met with them for a little
- 14 while and talked about it. And, of course, it's --
- 15 you know, it can be overwhelming. There's -- it's --
- 16 there's a lot of stuff going on. I mean, there's --
- 17 you know, it's a big enterprise. So we -- we -- we
- 18 talked a little while and learned more about the
- 19 situation and talked about how we would structure the
- 20 deal. You know, the fees and sometimes we do this on
- 21 a fixed monthly fee. I mean, we would never be able
- 22 to do that here because we didn't know, you know, how
- 23 big it was. But we've done other matters like this on
- 24 a fixed monthly fee.
- 25 We talked a little bit about the costs.



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1 Obviously they were concerned about our rates. You --

- 2 you -- you'll notice we had a discount in our
- 3 engagement letter. And -- and then we -- that was
- 4 one week.
- And then the next week, on a Wednesday of
- 6 the next week, Mark, myself, Ron, and I even think
- 7 then the next day Michael Thatcher came on the
- 8 Thursday. Michael Thatcher has been on site since the
- 9 beginning. And then eventually -- I think even the
- 10 first week Jim Howard might have come over for an hour
- 11 or -- it -- it took about a week to get Jim involved,
- 12 to figure out what was going on at Suttonpark. You
- 13 know, like to get that team -- to realize we needed a
- 14 team. So it was I -- I met them one week and like the
- 15 next Wednesday we started.
- Q. I don't think I've actually seen the 16
- 17 engagement letter. Who are the counterparties to that
- 18 letter? Who are the parties to that agreement?
- 19 A. It's -- it's not a complicated letter. It
- 20 has a scope in it. The counterparties are 777, 600,
- 21 and B. Riley Advisory Services, d/b/a GlassRatner
- 22 Advisory & Capital Group. And Mark signed it. And
- 23 our general counsel, Rebecca Hollander, was involved
- 24 in -- you know, in the engagement letter.
- 25 And there's one amendment to the letter.

Page 60 1 they wanted to make sure that we got -- once --

- 2 once -- once there was a -- we got down to Florida and
- 3 met with them, they were -- you know, they were
- 4 certainly wanting us to get hired. So they were --
- 5 I -- they were -- I don't know if they were concerned
- 6 we weren't going to get hired or somebody wasn't going
- 7 to get hired. I'm not saying me, I'm saying somebody.
- 8 I think they were -- they were very concerned about
- 9 the state of the -- the state of affairs at the
- 10 company.
- 11 Q. Did they have any input on the scope of work 12 for B. Riley?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Okay. And why were they so adamant that
- 15 somebody -- some restructuring firm be installed?
  - A. Well, I don't know about adamant, but they
- 17 were the first people I spoke to.
- 18 Q. So why did they want you to be hired?
- 19 A. Well, I mean, I think it's a -- you know,
- 20 they have a quite a large exposure there, significant
- 21 exposure. There was a lot of loans that they made to
- 22 both 777, 600, and other enterprises in the business.
- 23 They also recaptured through the recapture arrangement
- 24 at 777 Re, some of the loans that 777 Re had made to
- 25 these related party entities, right?

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- 1 just to ensure that the efforts of the managers are
- 2 incorporated into the fee.
- Q. What does that amendment say?
- A. Just that. To the extent that I'm a manager
- 5 and I'm billing time, it's going to be covered under 6 that engagement letter.
- 7 Q. Mm-hmm.
- 8 Has A-CAP ever paid any of B. Riley's fees
- 9 for that matter?
- 10 A. I mean, not directly. 777, all our bills go
- 11 to 777 and 600 Partners.
- Q. Are they reimbursed by A-CAP for those fees? 12
- 13 A. I mean, I think it's just part of the cash
- 14 flow.
- 15 Q. Just generally A-CAP is providing funding?
- 16 A. Well, some funding. I mean, Mark has a more
- 17 detailed source and use of funds.
- 18 Q. Okay. And have you discussed -- you
- 19 mentioned you discussed potentially being retained for
- 20 this matter with -- with Mr. King and Ms. Gettman at
- 21 the -- at the outset. Have you discussed the
- 22 engagement with them over time since then? Since
- 23 being retained, I should say.
- A. I mean, I haven't spoken to them in months.
- 25 But -- but in the beginning, certainly they were --

- Page 61 777 Re had been making loans and investments
  - 2 in the affiliate companies and those were ultimately
  - 3 recaptured in the various recapture agreements. So
  - 4 they had a -- they have a large exposure to this
  - 5 enterprise.
  - 6 Q. Yeah.
  - 7 How much exposure do they have to this
  - 8 enterprise, A-CAP that is?
  - A. Yeah. I can't recall the exact numbers, but
  - 10 I've -- I -- I -- at some point I knew the numbers,
  - 11 you know, on the top of my tongue.
  - 12 Q. Could you ballpark it?
  - 13 A. Well, certainly more than a billion. I
  - 14 don't know where it is today. A lot of it has come
  - 15 down, but significant.
  - 16 Q. More than 2 billion?
  - A. I don't -- I don't know if it -- I don't 17
  - 18 know if it got up to 2 billion.
  - 19 Q. Okay. You think between 1 and 2 billion
  - 20 seems -- I'm not going to hold you to this, but does
  - 21 that sound about right?
  - 22 A. I -- I -- I'm -- I'm just remembering that
  - 23 I -- I'm pretty sure it was -- there was -- it was
  - 24 over a billion.
  - 25 Q. I understand. Yeah, I'm -- it's not a

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1 memory quiz.

- 2 A. Yeah.
- 3 Q. I'm just trying to get a sense.
- 4 Have you discussed this lawsuit that was
- 5 filed in Florida with Mr. King or anyone from A-CAP?
- A. I have not.
- 7 Q. So you did -- so you -- you mentioned that
- 8 you had spoken with Mr. King more frequently at the
- 9 beginning of your engagement here, right?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. And what were his, you know, primary
- 12 concerns at that time?
- 13 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I'm just trying to think of
- 15 the -- some of the early conversations and -- and
- 16 all that.
- 17 It was, I think, just more about, you know,
- 18 control -- you know, like are you guys getting
- 19 control of the situation, like that type of --
- 20 more about that, you know. And the -- and some of
- 21 the underlying businesses. You know, the funding
- 22 of some of these businesses. Some of the loans
- 23 that they recaptured.
- 24 BY MR. STARR:
- 25 Q. What does it mean to recapture a loan? How

- Page 62 1 securities and they'll have some in longer term
  - 2 assets, depending on the type of insurance that it
  - 3 relates to. If it's life insurance or property
  - 4 casualty or whatever, you have to match.
  - Anyway, so the reinsurance business has
  - 6 certain assets. Those assets are loans that it made
  - 7 or other assets. And I -- I have not studied all the
  - 8 reinsurance arrangement between A-CAP and Heymarket

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- 9 and 777 Re. But at some point Heymarket and A-CAP and
- 10 their insurance-related entities recapture the assets
- 11 and liabilities associated with the original
- 12 reinsurance. And the recapture is a very complex
- 13 transaction and, you know, so I -- I don't want to
- 14 get -- I don't know the details of all the recapture
- 15 transactions. But some of the assets that were at 777
- 16 were recaptured. And those assets are primarily loans
- 17 and investments.
- Q. With respect to your initial communications
- 19 around your engagement, whether with Mr. McClintock or
- 20 A-CAP or 777, are those memorialized in writing? Were
- 21 there e-mails?
- A. I -- I don't know if I ever communicated in
- 23 e-mail with Mr. McClintock because it was more like an
- 24 introduction, right?
- 25 Q. Mm-hmm.

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- A. Excuse --
- Q. -- work?

1 does that --

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- A. Excuse me if I'm -- the -- the -- so 777 Re
- 5 was a reinsurance business. And when insurance
- 6 company is writing premiums, the amount of premiums
- 7 they could write is related to their capital base. So
- 8 a lot of insurance companies use reinsurance
- 9 businesses so that they can write more premiums. So
- 10 in a very simple way -- and I'm telling you what
- 11 reinsurance is before I tell you what a recapture is
- 12 because you can't understand B without A.
- 13 So some of the premiums that are collected
- 14 are -- the risk of that premium, the -- the parts --
- 15 parts or all of the premium are transferred to a
- 16 reinsurance enterprise. And so is the ultimate risk
- 17 related to that premium. And I happened to have done
- 18 a lot of work in this area, so I'm -- I'll probably
- 19 give you more than you care to know.
- 20 So then the reinsurance enterprise has to
- 21 manage their business in a way that they have
- 22 liquidity to their risks because now they've taken on
- 23 some of the risks. And -- so reinsurance business
- 24 will manage the funds in the same way. They'll have
- 25 some funds investigated in, you know, liquid

- Page 65 A. Like he wasn't -- I wasn't working with him
- 2 at all.

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- Q. How about Mr. King and Ms. Gettman?
- A. There may be -- there may be e-mails with
- 5 Mrs. -- Mr. King and Mrs. Gettman, I don't know. I
- 6 mean...
- Q. In the course of being retained, did you 7
- 8 speak with any lawyers from Cadwalader, Wickersham & 9 Taft?
- 10 A. I don't believe we spoke with them until we
- 11 were actually retained. It was a very quick...
- Q. So you did speak with lawyers from
- 13 Cadwalader after you were retained?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. With whom?
- A. You know, anybody that was at the -- there
- 17 was a lot of Cadwalader lawyers at the courthouse,
- 18 that was the group in the -- in the -- there was
- 19 medi- -- a court imposed -- a court sanctioned
- 20 mediation and the primary lawyers from Cadwalader are
- 21 Ira Schacter and Jonathan Watkins and -- I mean, those
- 22 are the two that I -- that I -- there were some other
- 23 fellows. I can't -- I can't remember everyone's name.
- Q. Did you discuss strategy with respect to the 24 25 litigation, the New York litigation, with those



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4	Page 66	1	Page 68 THE WITNESS: Yeah, prior to prior to			
2	lawyers?	2	retention, I don't think so.			
3	MR. PELLEGRINO: I'm going object, based on		BY MR. STARR:			
	a common interest privilege.	4				
5	And I'm going to ask you not to disclose the subject of conversations with Cadwalader regarding		Q. And so and you testified that it did not			
6	strategy in the New York litigation.	6	involve legal strategy. So what did you discuss?  A. Our discussions have been around the			
7		7				
	MR. STARR: Okay. What's the common		THE WITNESS: I mean, I can answer? I mean,			
8	interest?	8 9	I'm not I'm not talking about strategy. I			
	MR. PELLEGRINO: The common interest, we're		mean, I don't want to go against my counsel, but what what am I supposed to do here?			
10	both defendants in the New York litigation.	10	MR. PELLEGRINO: I think we should have a			
11 12	MR. STARR: Okay. Do you have a common	11   12				
13	interest agreement?	13	31 31			
	MR. PELLEGRINO: I do believe we do.					
14	MR. STARR: Okay. Did you instruct him not	14	•			
15	to answer or he can answer, right?	15				
16	MR. PELLEGRINO: I'm directing you not to	16	,			
17	answer.	17				
19	BY MR. STARR:	18	,			
	Q. The question was: Have you discussed	19 20	,			
20	strategy with respect to the New York litigation with any lawyers from Cadwalader?	21	an opportunity to discuss the issue of privilege,			
22	MR. PELLEGRINO: I'm going to direct you not	22				
23	to answer that.	23	3 3			
24	MR. STARR: That's	24	•			
25	MR. PELLEGRINO: Oh.	25	<del>-</del>			
			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
1	Page 67 MR. STARR: He's allowed to answer yes or	1	Page 69 of questions to test that assertion.			
2	no. I'm not asking "what did you say?"		BY MR. STARR:			
3	MR. PELLEGRINO: I thought he already said	3	Q. Mr. Ratner, in the New York litigation,			
4	yes.		A-CAP and 777 Partners are both defendants in that			
5	THE WITNESS: Well, I don't I don't		litigation, correct?			
6	and I don't think it's a yes. I think it's	6	A. Yes, sir.			
7	it's it's so I won't say what any of the	7	Q. Are their interests in that litigation			
8	conversation. I don't believe it's anything about	8	aligned?			
9	the strategy of the litigation. We've had	9	A. Partially.			
10	conversations about settlement, about the	10	Q. Can you elaborate?			
11	waterfall, liquidating trust, but I they	11	A. I mean, the			
12	wouldn't I'm not a lawyer. I would not I	12	MR. PELLEGRINO I'm going to object to form.			
13	don't know what their strategy is.	13	MR. STARR: That's fine.			
14	MR. PELLEGRINO: Just just to be clear, I	14	BY MR. STARR:			
15	believe and correct me if I'm mischaracterizing	15	Q. You can answer.			
16	here, but I think the question concerned the time	16	A. It would create the and, again, I'm			
17	period during the engagement.	17	just I mean, this is free flow. I'm thinking. I			
18	MR. STARR: No.	18	mean, you've asked me a question and I'm thinking			
19	MR. PELLEGRINO: Oh, okay. You're asking at		about it.			
20	any time?	20	-			
21	MR. STARR: Well, we're we're talking	21	MR. STARR: Enough with the speaking			
22	well, first we were talking about the time period	22	•			
23	during at retention. And now we're talking		BY MR. STARR:			
24	now we're just talking about at any point after	24				
25	that.	25	A. The you know, would it would create			



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  1 to the extent that the case is successful, would
- 2 create further claims against the company, right?
- 3 And -- and although -- although A-CAP, again, may be a
- 4 senior lender, those claims, you know, could affect
- 5 their collateral, right? So I think that would be one
- 6 part of it. There's no question that the lawsuit has,
- 7 from a common perspective, caused a decline in the
- 8 value of the underlying businesses. I mean, some of
- 0.00
- 9 those -- some of that is happening realtime, right?
- 10 So at the time there's no question that the lawsuit
- 11 affected the value of the businesses and the
- 12 underlying collateral for everybody. So that's
- 13 common.
- 14 So I -- I think there's pieces of it.
- 15 Again, I -- as I said to you, I did not go back and
- 16 read the complaint prior to the deposition, but I -- I
- 17 think there's some commonality.
- 18 Q. So is the common interest that both A-CAP
- 19 and 777 would lose money if they lose the lawsuit; is
- 20 that -- is that what you said?
- 21 A. No, the collateral would be damaged. The --
- 22 the underlying businesses damaged. The businesses --
- 23 the businesses that -- they've already been damaged.
- 24 I mean, the bus- -- the businesses that are owned by
- 25 777 and 600 Partners have deteriorated because of

- 1 Q. Okav.
  - 2 A. You were asking me about these two. You're
  - 3 asking me the company.
  - 4 Q. Right.
  - 5 Well, because he's instructing you not to
  - 6 answer my question based on a common interest and --

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- 7 and the one you just identified sounds, well, common
- 8 in -- in the usual sense of that word, but common to
- 9 every creditor.
- 10 A. Well, it's certainly common to them.
- 11 Q. And every single other creditor, correct?
- 12 A. I think so.
- 13 Q. Okay. You said --
- 14 A. Stakeholder. Every -- every stakeholder.
- 15 Q. Leadenhall included?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Okay.

18

- MR. STARR: Well, I assume you wouldn't
- 19 assert a common interest privilege objection as to
- 20 Leadenhall.
- 21 BY MR. STARR:
- 22 Q. You said that the -- the lawsuit could lead
- 23 to further claims. Did you -- did you mean further
- 24 claims against A-CAP?
- 25 A. No, against the company.

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- 1 the -- a lot of that is coming to pass, as Mark
- 2 Shapiro talked about in terms of the depletion in the
- 3 value of the businesses. And that affects both the
- 4 company, obviously the company is the value, and it
- 5 also affects the value of the collateral to the
- 6 lenders.

### 7 Q. Are the businesses of A-CAP and 777 Partners 8 intertwined?

- 9 A. I don't think so.
- 10 Q. So then why would --
- 11 A. Well, the collateral. They're -- they're --
- 12 they're -- they -- they are a lender. So they --
- 13 the -- certainly from a -- from an outside
- 14 perspective, to the extent that the -- ultimately to
- 15 the extent that 777 and 600 Partners are damaged
- 16 and -- and the underlying businesses are damaged, that
- 17 would affect the collateral and affect the value of
- 18 the loans.
- 19 Q. So your counsel has asserted a common
- 20 interest privilege and the interest that you've
- 21 identified, depletion of -- or, you know, diminution
- 22 in value of collateral, that would -- that would apply
- 23 to every single creditor of 777 Partners, would it
- 24 not?
- 25 A. I think so.

- 1 Q. Further claims by whom?
  - 2 A. Well, the -- you would have a -- you --
  - 3 you -- right now you have a litigation claim. But
- 4 if -- if they win the case or if there's a judgment,
- 5 that would be a litigation -- that would be a -- an
- 6 unsecured claim against the company.
- 7 Q. Isee.
- 8 So you're saying an additional -- I
- 9 understand. I thought you meant further litigation 10 claims.
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. You mean an unsecured claim?
- 13 A. Yeah, it would -- it would -- it would -- it
- 14 would create another claim on the company.
- 15 Q. Okay. Any other way in which their
- 16 interests are aligned?
- 17 A. Oh, I'm -- I'm -- I'm -- a claim on the
- 18 company wasn't necessarily -- going back to the
- 19 original question. I mean, again, I haven't looked at
- 20 the complaint. Some of this sounds like it's -- it's
- 21 a little bit more legal in -- in -- in content. But
- 22 they are both defendants, the company and A-CAP.
- Q. Is there any other way that the interests ofA-CAP and 777 Partners are aligned in this matter?
- 25 A. Well, I think I've -- I've -- I think I've

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1 said them.	1 Q. Hollander. Hostetler is the law firm, 2 excuse me.
2 Q. Yeah. I was asking: Is that all?	
3 A. For now, yeah, I guess. 4 Q. Okay. Does Smith Gambrell represent you in	3 A. BakerHostetler, sorry. 4 Q. So setting aside Ms. Hollander's views, do
5 this case?	5 you personally have any concerns that about B.
6 A. Me personally, no. They represent 777 and	6 Riley's potential exposure in litigation relating to
7 600 Partners.	7 either of those Leadenhall matters?
8 Q. Okay. Does BakerHostetler rep represent	8 MR. PELLEGRINO: I'm going to object to
9 you in this case?	9 form.
10 A. I think BakerHostetler is representing B.	10 THE WITNESS: Now I can answer?
11 Riley.	11 BY MR. STARR:
12 Q. Okay.	12 Q. Yes, you can answer.
13 A. Not me personally. I don't I don't have	13 A. I I I don't I don't believe when
14 counsel personally. But, yes, B. Riley	14 you say "these matters," you're
15 BakerHostetler is representing B. Riley.	15 Q. The New York litigation filed by Leadenhall
16 Q. Did did BakerHostetler handle the	16 and the Florida litigation filed by 777.
17 document collection in review for B. Riley in this	17 A. No.
18 case?	18 Q. Okay. Did you not allow Smith Gambrell to
19 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.	19 review your documents due to confidentiality concerns?
20 THE WITNESS: I I believe either	20 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
21 partially or all. BakerHostetler represented us	21 THE WITNESS: Okay. So Mark is is is
in another case where we were named as defendant.	22 running the day-to-day on this. I what I
23 And then when this discovery document discovery	23 believe has happened is the query the the
24 and e-mail discovery started, our general counsel	24 concern, I think, from B. Riley's perspective was
25 Rebecca Hollander wanted to bring in counsel for	25 that other client information was going to get
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1 B. Riley. And that's how Baker got involved in	1 captured in the search from the search terms or
2 the document discovery and the e-mail discovery	2 something like that. And I think that was
3 and I've a lot of traffic I've seen on that	3 concern. 4 But, again, I I have not been I know
4 topic. 5 BY MR. STARR:	. 3
6 Q. Why did she want to bring in separate	5 there's a lot of activity going on and and I've 6 produced some e-mails that I had on my that I
7 counsel for B. Riley?	7 just, hey, I have a couple things. But I know
8 MR. PELLEGRINO: I'm going to warn you not	8 there's a lot of activity on it, so I don't
9 to discuss the sum and substance of those	9 Too many lawyers for me to get involved and
10 communications with your counsel.	10 push them around.
11 THE WITNESS: I I I did not speak	11 BY MR. STARR:
12 to Rebecca directly on that topic.	12 Q. Understood.
13 BY MR. STARR:	13 And do you know whether so I
14 Q. Okay. Do you have a view? Would you allow	14 understood I understand that you self-selected
15 Smith Gambrell to collect and review your e-mails in	15 certain e-mails to be produced in this case; is that
16 this case?	16 correct?
17 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.	17 A. Yes, sir.
18 THE WITNESS: Again, I'm following	18 Q. Do you know whether counsel BakerHostetler
19 counsel's Rebecca is general counsel of the	19 or other counsel collected your entire mailbox to
20 company and and and she's involved in this	20 search?
21 document discovery.	21 A. So I had a folder called "data intrusion."
22 BY MR. STARR:	22 Q. Mm-hmm.
23 Q. Do you yourself, setting aside	23 A. And I and there were 60 or something
24 Ms. Hostetler sorry, what was her name?	24 e-mails in there. And I I don't know if if
25 A. Hollander.	25 if I told Rebecca Hollander or Jonathan Lee, there's a



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1 fellow internally.

2 Q. Mm-hmm.

A. Somehow those were captured and given to

4 somebody earlier this week. And I -- and certainly my

5 entire -- the system is -- B. Riley has all my e-mails

6 and they have my mailbox, so they absolutely have

7 access to everything.

8 Q. Okay.

9 A. And I think they're doing that for me and 10 Mark.

11 Q. If a company for which you're serving as a

12 restructuring officer suffers a loss at the hands of

13 its former management, do you think you'd have a duty

14 to pursue recovery on that claim?

15 A. Possibly.

16 Q. Well, would you pursue such a claim?

17 Setting aside whether or not you have a duty, would

18 you?

19 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

20 THE WITNESS: Say it again. If a former?

21 BY MR. STARR:

22 Q. If a company for which you're serving as a

23 restructuring officer or independent manager suffered

24 a loss at the hands of its former management, would

25 you pursue recovery of that loss?

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1 and Mr. Pasko have a lot of detail about why that

2 happened. What -- this didn't happened according to

3 plan, that didn't happen according to plan. This was

4 an issue here, that was an issue there. In other

- arrissue nere, that was air issue there. In othe

5 words, not -- it's -- you know, it's -- it's not as --

6 it's not a -- you know, there's a lot to it. So

7 that's -- that's what I would say. So you've

8 thought -- we've thought about it. We've considered

9 it. But, you know, there's a lot of pieces of the

10 puzzle to unwind.

11 Q. And in terms of whether to pursue such a

12 claim against Wander or Pasko, would you draw a

13 distinction between just mismanagement and fraud?

14 A. I believe so.

15 Q. Would that affect, you know, your view on

16 whether to actually pursue such a claim?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Okay. Do you have a view on that issue,

19 whether either of them has committed mismanagement or

20 fraud?

21 A. I don't have a formal view, no.

22 Q. Do you have an informal view on that matter

23 or any view?

24 A. Yeah. It's -- it's not really my job. Like

25 it's not what -- I'm not charged with that. I'm not

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A. Yeah. Sometimes you do that through

2 insurance.

3 Q. Sometimes you do that through what?

4 A. Through insurance.

5 Q. How so?

6 A. Well, if -- if there was D&O coverage or

7 other types of fraud fidelity coverage, you would try

8 to make claims on -- on those -- on those basis.

9 Q. Has 777 Partners or 600 Partners made any

10 complains on any applicable D&O insurance policies

11 relating to the allegations in these cases?

12 A. Mark is in a better position to comment on

13 that. I mean, the -- the insurance companies are on

14 notice of everything going on and there's a -- Marsh

15 McLennan is the -- we brought in Marsh as the broker.

16 Like there's a lot going on, I'm not managing that

17 process.

18 Q. Have you considered whether 777 Partners or

19 600 Partners has valid claims against its former

20 management, Mr. Pasko and Josh Wander?

21 A. I mean, I think at a very high level, yes.

22 Q. And what are your thoughts on the matter?

23 A. That's such an open-ended question.

24 At a very high level, any of the businesses

25 that have produced losses, in many cases, Mr. Wander

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1 forming an expert opinion on something like that. I

2 mean, we -- we know the allegations in the complaint.

3 We've put a box around Suttonpark. We're doing all

4 the reconciliations necessary. And -- and we're

5 dealing with the problems that we have in front of us6 with the different businesses.

7 Q. And you -- you have not yourself

8 investigated or directed that an investigation be done

9 into whether Mr. Pasko or Mr. Wander committed fraud;

10 is that correct?

11 A. Well, are you separating Suttonpark from the

12 rest of the enterprises or are you just -- is that a

13 blanket statement?

14 Q. No, I -- I'm not attempting to separate

15 Suttonpark. So ...

16 A. Well...

17 Q. Does that affect your answer?

18 A. Yeah, I think it does.

19 Q. Okay. Can you explain?

20 A. As Mark -- Mark used the word

21 "investigation" a little more freely than me, but

22 there has been a lot of work and investigative work,

23 forensic investigative work at Suttonpark around the

24 collateral base, the loans, which -- which pieces of

25 collateral are there and assigned to which loans. And

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1 there's a number of portfolios where that type of work

2 has occurred.

3 I differentiate that a little bit, as I said

4 before, fraud in- -- in- -- involves, you know,

5 the intent, the benefit, you know, the e-mails, the --

6 you know, who said what to who and why, how was it

7 covered up. And, you know, that's -- it's different

8 than investigating the financial attributes of the

9 collateral and the portfolios.

10 Q. Can I interject there?

11 A. Sure.

12 Q. So have you ever overseen a fraud

13 investigation into former management at a company, you

14 know, that -- that -- that's been -- that has retained

15 you?

16 A. Sure.

17 Q. And what do you typically do to investigate

18 fraud in that situation?

19 A. Well, you are -- maybe I should finish my --

20 the first question.

21 Q. Sure. Go ahead. Yeah, yeah.

22 A. I wasn't finish.

23 Q. I don't mean to --

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. Yeah, yeah. Go ahead.

get to some of the stuff that's relevant in the

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2 case. I've -- I've let him --

MR. STARR: All right.

MR. PELLEGRINO: I let him answer for

5 collateral stuff.

MR. STARR: I got you. Okay. I'm -- I'm --

7 this is relevant.

8 BY MR. STARR:

9 Q. So -- so if I understood your testimony,

10 you're saying that, you know, there has been some

11 forensic accounting investigation done, but that to

12 investigate fraud you need to look more broadly

13 because there's elements like intent and you need to

14 look at e-mails and, you know, interview employees, et

15 cetera; is that fair?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And that that is not --

18 A. In my view.

19 Q. Yeah. Yes. All of this is your -- yes.

20 Just trying to summarize your testimony.

21 A. And -- and Jim Howard may have done some of

22 that, vis- -vis his reconciliations and -- and his

23 work at Suttonpark. But I just don't remember what he

24 did there. I don't -- I don't have that at my

25 fingertips.

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A. So -- so with regard to the rest of the

2 enterprises, I mean, you know, we've been running

3 those businesses and managing the cash flows in those

4 businesses. And as Mark said, FFI went into a

5 bankruptcy, you know, this business is being -- you

6 know, there's all -- all these different businesses

7 have different stories to them. But we haven't done a

8 broad sweeping investigation into any of those

9 businesses. That's not our mandate.

10 So that's a -- more of a complete answer

11 where I've separated --

12 Q. Mm-hmm.

13 A. -- the reconciliation of the accounts --

14 Q. I understand.

15 A. -- to the front of us.

16 MR. PELLEGRINO: Peter --

17 Sorry, are you finish?

18 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

19 MR. PELLEGRINO: Peter, I just -- I just

20 want to -- what?

21 MR. STARR: What? I'm just in the middle of

22 a line of questioning here. What?

23 MR. PELLEGRINO: Well, I think he's -- he's

24 done with his answer.

25

I'm just wondering whether you're going to

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1 Q. And you have done that before?

A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. In fraud investigations?

4 A. Yes.

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5 Q. But that's not -- why is that not your

6 mandate here but it has been before?

A. Well, because -- so, I mean, one, I'm

8 just -- I mean, there's so many cases in 35 years.

9 But it's what you're retained to do. I mean, you --

10 you use specifically prior management. So I've had

11 cases where new management comes in and they're

12 saying, lan, we think prior management brought 12

13 companies and overpaid those -- overpaid for those

14 companies because they have a relationship with

15 somebody in those companies and they got a kickback.

16 Can you go and investigate those 12 acquisitions, get

17 all the papers. So what do you do? So you have --

18 it's a very specific mandate. You've got to go get

19 all the acquisition paperwork. You got to do a

20 valuation. Go -- go look at the offers. Look at the

21 purchase price. Look at the relationships between the

22 executives and the transactions. Maybe do some public

23 record searchs. Maybe some Kroll type investigative

24 work. Maybe people. Completely different mandate.

25 Q. So who set the mandate for your engagement

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1 here?

- 2 A. We set the mandate in the agreement letter
- 3 with 777 Partners and 600 Partners. The scope --
- 4 Q. So just --
- 5 A. Generally -- generally we've been in that6 scope.
- 7 Q. So Mr. Wander and Mr. Pasko set the mandate?
- 8 A. No. We set the mandate in the engagement
- 9 letter that we issued to them.
- 10 Q. So B. Riley set its own mandate?
- 11 A. Well, we discussed what -- what -- yes.
- 12 We're coming -- we're coming in -- we were coming in
- 13 to really take over the day-to-day operations of the
- 14 business going forward and to secure the assets and
- 15 to -- to make sure that budgets were prepared and, you
- 16 know, the -- the -- overseeing of the business. We
- 17 weren't retained to -- to -- to be an examiner and go
- 18 back and -- and do a fraud investigation. You have --
- 19 as I said before, I've already said it five times.
- 20 You have a very detailed complaint. You're going to
- 21 hire forensic accountant. He's going put it all
- 22 together if he can and he's going to testify that this
- 23 is what he thinks happened.
- Q. But you said you're an independent fiduciaryin this case, right?

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- A. We're -- yeah. We're running the business
- 2 under our watch. What happened going forward, trying
- 3 to marshall the assets, protect the creditors today,
- 4 reduce the expenses, ensure that nothing further on
- 5 our -- why did we put a wall around Suttonpark?
- 6 That's where there was a lot of allegations.
- 7 So guess what, nothing is going to happen
- 8 there without Jim Howard involved or Teresa Licamora,
- 9 et cetera. We're going to put a new team there and --
- 10 and Michael Spectra (phonetic) and the team there.
- 11 And, you know, we're -- we're coming in at -- at a
- 12 point in time -- like I'm going to give you the
- 13 classic example. Okay? And you can research it.
- 14 If you're a receiver for a business and
- 15 there was a fraud a couple years ago in the business,
- 16 is the receiver obligated to investigate the fraud
- 17 from 3 years ago? You can research it and you can
- 18 tell me what you find. It depends what the receiver
- 19 order says. Okay? And I think Mark even testified to
- 20 another case that he's been involved with that there
- 21 was a fraud, there was a DOJ investigation. Okay, it
- 22 happened. They're running the business going forward.
- 23 Q. So was it your decision not to investigate
- 24 fraud by former -- former management? I understand
- 25 you're saying you -- you're only viewing your

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- 1 responsibility prospectively. But was it your
- 2 decision not to touch that?
- 3 A. I -- I think Mark's testimony on this point
- 4 was good. There's a million things going on and we
- 5 assessed the importance of dealing with the budgets,
- 6 cash flow, cutting expenses, and moving down the path
- 7 and locking down any opportunity for further potential
- 8 losses due to alleged fraud.
- 9 Q. What I'm --
- 10 A. Going back and investigating what happened
- 11 in 2022 or 2023, we assess that -- that -- again, from
- 12 a financial perspective, we want to know what the
- 13 collateral is and analyze the collateral portfolio.
- 14 But our mandate wasn't -- our mandate as established
- 15 by us.

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- 16 Q. So that's what I'm -- that -- that's what
- 17 I'm trying to ask.
- 18 A. I mean, it's just not -- it's just not.
- 19 Q. So it was your -- so that's what I'm trying
- 20 to ask. I'm trying -- and Mr. Shapiro said, you know,
- 21 we had to -- it wasn't one of your priorities.
- 22 A. It wasn't.
  - Q. So I'm trying to understand who sets the
- 24 priorities. Is that B. Riley? Who sets the mandate
- 25 in your words? Is that B. Riley?

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- 1 A. We're absolutely independent. We set the
- 2 priorities of what -- what we're doing in consultation
- 3 with our counsel. We -- we are the ones that decide
- 4 what happens. And -- and we consult with our counsel,
- 5 the Smith Gambrell firm, the Berger Singerman firm,
- 6 Jordi Guso, and we establish what is critical to be
- 7 working on.
- 8 Q. So it was B. Riley's decision, okay, we will 9 not investigate fraud by former management; is that 10 fair?
- 11 A. I mean, you -- you could say it a million
- 12 times. There is a lot of detail in your complaint.
- 13 Okay? More than maybe typically. And you have a lot
- 14 of information there. Have we gone and verified all
- 15 of the statements that you -- that the allegations
- 16 is -- were altered? Jim may have done some of that,
- 17 but it -- it hasn't been our priority. We've been
- 18 making sure that we know where the collateral is,
- 19 what's the value of the collateral. Checking e-mails
- 20 and texts and what Bennett did and all. We were not
- 21 retained to verify your complaint.
- 22 Q. I understand that you haven't done that.
- 23 A. Yeah.
- 24 Q. I'm trying to ask: Why not?
- 25 A. It's just not -- it's just not necessary.

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Page 90 1 For what we're doing, our mission is to maximize

- 2 recoveries and run the operation and lock down the
- 3 business. Verifying your complaint, we just -- it's
- 4 just not -- it's just not -- it's just not critical to
- 5 what we're doing today.
- Q. And those are priorities that B. Riley sets?
- 7 A. Yes, in consultation with our counsel.
- Q. When you met with Mr. King and Ms. Gettman,
- 9 did they discuss your man- -- what your mandate would 10 be?
- 11 A. No. It was stabilize. It's, you know,
- 12 explaining to them what a CRO does. It was not, oh,
- 13 we want you to -- you know, they didn't bring it and
- 14 it wasn't even on the table.

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- 15 Q. And why wasn't that on the table?
  - MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 17 THE WITNESS: It's just -- it -- it -- it
- 18 happened already. It's not -- what -- what's more
- 19 important is to -- to lock down that it's not
- 20 continuing to happen and that there's -- there's a
- 21 handle on the collateral and the documents and
- 22 there's no -- no potential loss of documents and
- 23 that there's -- there's a system to make sure that
- 24 we have all the evidence secured.
- 25 We see this in many bankruptcy cases where

- 1 BY MR. STARR:
- Q. Because you-all allege in this Florida case

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- 3 that we're here on today, that all this was done so
- 4 that Leadenhall could get useful information in -- in
- 5 New York, right?
- A. Yes, that's part of the allegation. And
- 7 guess what?
- Q. Yeah, that's part of the allegation. So --
- A. If we get into the details, you'll -- you'll
- 10 identify that during the summer of 2024, there was a
- 11 lot of work going on around discovery. We had an
- 12 attorney named Chris Jarvinen at Berger Singerman
- 13 working directly with -- with Leadenhall about what
- 14 documents -- we were the ones trying to get documents
- 15 to -- to Leadenhall. But only those documents that
- 16 were relevant to the collateral. And guess what? The
- 17 data intrusions happens right at the same time as all
- 18 that's going on. That is suspicious, so ...
- 19 Q. And -- and you were giving Leadenhall access
- 20 to the documents relevant to its collateral, correct?
- 21 A. Yes, we were.
- 22 Q So --
- 23 A. And look what happened.
- 24 Q. And so -- and -- and -- and, yes, the
- 25 allegation is that the entire MPFin system was copied;

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- 1 there's a bankruptcy or a restructuring event and
- 2 you're dealing with what happened now. There --
- 3 there could have been a fraud years ago, but it's
- 4 not -- the debtor's advisor is not, oh -- you
- 5 know, we've got to deal with the payroll, but
- 6 let's put all that on hold because we want to put
- 7 25 people going to investigate what happened
- 8 7 years ago.
- 9 In the Enron bankruptcy, that -- there
- 10 was -- there was a team running the company. You
- 11 know, at some point there will be an investigation
- 12 or they'll be a review or, you know, there's an
- 13 examiner, whatever. But it's not -- I mean, this
- 14 is just how it's done in our business. It's a
- 15 very -- we're in a very typical role as a CRO or a
- 16 restructuring advisor.
- 17 BY MR. STARR:
- 18 Q. And -- and I'll tell you why I'm struggling
- 19 a little bit with this is because --
- 20 A. You could -- you could struggle.
- 21 Q. And -- and this is --
- 22 A. -- as much as you want.
- 23 Q. You know, and --
- 24 MR. STARR: And this is also to your
- 25 relevance objection, David.

### 1 is that right?

- 2 A. That's -- I think that's one of the
- 3 allegations.
- 5 collateral portfolio files, why would it need the

Q. If Leadenhall already had access to its own

- 6 entire MPFin system?
- A. I don't know why. I don't know why it would
- 8 need that. I don't -- I'm not -- I'm not getting into
- 9 their intent. I don't know why they would need the
- 10 Pasko e-mails or Jen Logee or whatever. What --
- 11 you're comparing something that happened years before
- 12 we were on site as fiduciaries to something that
- 13 occurred while we were there.
- 14 As fiduciaries, there was an intrusions
- 15 under our watch and we decided to pursue it. It's
- 16 just a different -- it's -- it's apples and oranges.
- 17 And maybe -- maybe in your mind it's the same and you
- 18 could convince somebody that it is. That's fine.
- 19 Terrific. We -- we decided that this is something
- 20 that happened under our watch and -- and by the way,
- 21 if A-CAP had an advisor and -- and -- and they were
- 22 the ultimate -- anyways, enough said.
- 23 Q. Doesn't Leadenhall allege in its complaint
- 24 in New York that the fraud is ongoing?
- A. I -- I -- I can't recall. I mean, I don't

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1 know what fraud is ongoing. We're there. I don't

2 know what fraud is ongoing now.

3 Q. Well, and have you investigated whether

#### 4 fraud is ongoing now?

- 5 A. I -- I don't -- I -- we're there working
- 6 every day. I don't believe there's a fraud going on 7 around us.
- 8 Q. Okay. How many lawsuits asserting fraud
- 9 have been filed against 777 Partners or its

#### 10 affiliates? Do you know?

- 11 A. More than one.
- 12 Q. More than ten?
- 13 A. Probably.
- 14 Q. Mm-hmm.
- 15 Do you know whether any of those has merit?

#### 16 Have you investigated whether any of those have merit?

- A. I am involved in some of the litigation
- 18 cases. There's -- you know, there's -- again, some
- 19 are less active. I mean, some of them are ultimately
- 20 collection cases covered up with a lot of noise about
- 21 fraud. But there's -- there's other cases in -- in
- 22 the -- there are other litigation cases going on.
- 23 Q. And isn't it true that there's a DOJ
- 24 investigation focused on the company?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

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- 1 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 2 BY MR. STARR:
- 3 Q. Have you been in contact with the DOJ at all

#### 4 on that investigation?

- 5 A. I have not personally been in touch with the
- 6 DOJ on that investigation.
- 7 Q. Have your lawyers been in touch with the DOJ

#### 8 on that investigation?

- 9 A. We have counsel working for the company that 10 is in touch with the DOJ.
- 11 Q. Which counsel is that?
- 12 A. Nelson -- the Nelson Mullins law firm.
- 13 Q. Okay. And how about an SEC investigation,
- 14 are you aware of an SEC investigation into the
- 15 company?
- 16 A. I don't know if there's an active
- 17 investigation, but I know that -- that we -- we have
- 18 interacted with the SEC.
- 19 Q. Was that -- was that also through the Nelson

### 20 Mullins firm?

- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Do you know whether Mr. Pasko and Mr. Wander
- 23 are targets of either of those investigations?
- 24 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I believe in the DOJ

1 investigation they are targets.

2 BY MR. STARR:

3 Q. Did you tell the AJC that your world view is

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4 that everything is one big Ponzi scheme?

- 5 A. 20-year-old article.
- 6 Q. I Google.
- 7 A. Yeah. The internet is a wonderful thing.
- 8 I -- I'd like to see the article, but literally it's
- 9 probably a 20-year-old -- 20-year-old media piece.
- 10 MR. STARR: Here you go. Let's introduce
- 11 that. That'll be Ratner Exhibit 2.
- 12 (Ratner Exhibit 2 was marked for
- 13 identification.)
- 14 BY MR. STARR:
- 15 Q. It's not actually dated.
  - A. (Perusing.)
- 17 Q. Mr. Ratner, could you please identify this

#### 18 document?

- 19 A. Yeah. That is a "GlassRatner Sees Dark Side
- 20 of Business World." This is easily a 20 -- this is
- 21 a -- at -- at least a 20-year-old interview
- 22 (perusing).
- 23 Q. I'll represent it's 2010. I just pulled it
- 24 up.

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25 A. So that's 14 years, maybe 15. And we see a

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- 1 lot of fraud. We do see a lot of fraud cases in our
- 2 business. And we have worked on a number of Ponzi
- 3 schemes, which I do not -- I don't believe this is a
- 4 Ponzi scheme. There's an underlying business here.
- 5 Q. And Mr. Glass, your partner, says "lan

#### 6 thinks everybody is a criminal," right?

- 7 A. I'm skeptical. Maybe not as skeptical as I
- 8 used to be. As you get older, you -- you maybe -- you
- 9 lose that sharp edge. But, yeah, I know we -- in
- 10 the -- in the early -- as I said to you earlier today
- 11 that when I was with Kroll, I did a lot of fraud work.
- I2 Q. Yeah.
- 13 So I just -- just to -- just to lay it out,
- 14 you know, you've got --
- 15 A. You just want to have some fun today.
- 16 That's fine. I don't -- it's -- it's your deposition.
- 17 I -- this does not bother me.
- 18 Q. You've got DOJ and SEC investigations.
- 19 You've got numerous lawsuits alleging fraud. You have
- 20 the Leadenhall lawsuit asserting fraud. But B. Riley
- 21 has determined it's not important to investigate those
- 22 allegations of fraud against former management?
- 23 A. Absolutely not. What you're saying is --
- 24 all of the allegations that you're talking about are
- 25 related to the Suttonpark Capital business. Why do

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1 you think one of our first missions -- let's assume

- 2 that everything that happened in your complaint is
- 3 true. What -- what do you need me for? You're going
- 4 to have your own forensic accountant. You're going to
- 5 have your own expert. You're going to -- you're going
- 6 to put together a fraud review. What you need me, as
- 7 a restructure advisor, to do is to lock down Sutton
- 8 Capital and ensure that there's a fence around it, and
- 9 that's what we did.
- 10 As a restructuring advisor, that's what we
- 11 care about is making sure that under our watch we lock
- 12 down that business. We get a handle on the
- 13 collateral. We get a handle on the bookkeeping. We
- 14 apply the cash collections properly. We try to catch
- 15 up on the reporting, which we've done as best we can
- 16 with Leadenhall on this portfolio and others, right?
- 17 Insurity, other -- you know, we -- we were the ones
- 18 saying hey, CBIZ you're coming in to audit Insure,
- 19 we -- come in.
- 20 So you have to separate what's going on.
- 21 Like we're -- we're -- we're trying to ensure that you
- 22 actually get a recovery. And -- and by doing that,
- 23 we're actually working on the business going forward.
- 24 And that's just a separate mission.
- 25 Q. I understand what you're saying.

1 co-conspirator?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. In the New York case?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And so as an independent manager with

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- 6 fiduciary duties --
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. -- I would think you would have a duty to
- 9 look into the truthfulness of those allegations, to
- 10 investigate them factually to determine whether to
- 11 continue doing business with A-CAP.
- 12 A. Yes. We -- so we did a -- we did a debt --
- 13 they -- they have a lot of debt in this structure.
- 14 Okay? And we retained Smith Gambrell to perform a
- 15 thorough review of all of the debt documents and the
- 16 debt -- the underlying agreements and ensure that the
- 17 collateral that they say they have, they have. The
- 18 rights that they say they have, they have.
- 19 And we then took all of those loan documents
- 20 and we matched them up against the internal accounting
- 21 records to ensure that there was funds advanced
- 22 against those documents and the funds came into the
- 23 company. And, you know, so we did a loan debt
- 24 collateral review for all of the -- for -- for the
- 25 work focused on A-CAP.

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- I just -- you are an independent manager
- 2 with fiduciary duties, you've said?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. That B. Riley has assumed the management as
- 5 an independent manager?
- 6 A. Yeah.
- 7 Q. I'm just curious why -- I'm asking why B.
- 8 Riley hasn't assessed the validity of any liens and
- 9 claims that A-CAP is currently exercising remedies on?
- 10 A. That -- that's the first time you asked that11 question.
- 12 Q. Okay. Well, have you --
- 13 A. Yes, we have.
- 14 Q. A-CAP is an alleged co-conspirator in --
- 15 A. But -- but --
- 16 Q. -- in the Leadenhall case, correct?
- 17 A. See, this is the first time you've asked
- 18 that question.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. You've been asking me about why didn't we do
- 21 an investigation into the -- you know, and I've
- 22 explained that 12 times. Now you're asking me about
- 23 did we look into the A-CAP liens and -- and -- and --
- 24 and, you know, it's a different question.
- 25 Q. Okay. So A-CAP is an alleged

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Q. Is that the extent of your analysis with

2 respect to A-CAP?

- 3 A. That -- yeah. Yes, to the -- to the extent
- 4 that we -- to the extent that we're validating their
- 5 position in the capital structure and all the debt
- 6 documents and the liens and the claims, we analyzed
- 8 Q. All right. Let's -- let's move on.
- So what is Saiph Consulting? When did you
- 10 first learn of Saiph, I guess I should ask? Start 11 there.
- 12 A. During the -- and this is a little more at
- 13 the Jim Howard/Mark Shapiro level. But there was a
- 14 collateral audits that we were trying to facilitate.
- 15 As a restructuring advisor, that's something you would
- 16 do. You would facilitate collateral audits. We saw
- 17 that as our role.
- 18 And at some point, I guess, we learned that
- 19 Leadenhall was going to use Saiph Consulting. And I
- 20 don't know if that was during the summer of 2024. At
- 21 the same time, we were engaged in a very detailed
- 22 review of the information requests that were coming in
- 23 from -- I think primarily through Roger. I don't know
- 24 if -- Roger Schwartz. I don't know if he had -- was
- 25 still with King & Spalding or moved on. But he was

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Page 102 1 the point on the information requests. Some we felt

- 2 related more to the litigation and some related to the
- 3 collateral audit. And Roger was working with a lawyer
- 4 named Christopher Jarvinen to facilitate the
- 5 collateral audit. And -- and Jim Howard and Mark
- 6 would have been trying to facilitate that as well.
- Q. Do you have any understanding or are you 7
- 8 aware of whether Leadenhall sought to begin that
- 9 collateral -- collateral audit long before the summer 10 of 2024?
- A. I -- they may have done that before we were 11
- 12 there. I don't know.
- 13 Q. It was before you were there.
- 14 Are you aware of any efforts by 777 --
- 15 legacy 777 employees to frustrate or delay the
- 16 collateral audit that Leadenhall sought to commence?
- A. Only through my readings. I mean, I 17
- 18 don't -- I don't have any firsthand knowledge of that.
- Q. Okay. Are you familiar with Saiph's 19 20 principal, Paul Kosinksi?
- 21 A. Only by name.
- 22 Q. Never met him?
- 23 A Never
- 24 Q. Never met Lauren Boersig?
- 25 A Never

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- 1 Q. Do you know who that is?
- 2 A. I think she was also a former employee. I 3 don't know.
- Q. You read about her?
- 5 A. Yeah, yeah.
- 6 Q. Okay. Have you ever met Noah Davis?
- 7 A. I have not.
- Q. And he resigned from 777 Partners before you
- 9 were retained, right?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Have you ever communicated with Noah Davis?
- 12 A. I have not.
- 13 Q. Have you educated yourself about the
- 14 circumstances of Mr. Davis's departure?
- 15 A. Not really. I mean, I think he left before
- 16 we got there. That's all I know.
- 17 Q. He did. That -- that's why I asked if you
- 18 educated yourself about it.
- A. Well, I knew he wasn't there when I --
- 20 when -- I knew Shawn Taheri was our guy. I don't -- I
- 21 mean, you know, we came there in May and we met a lot
- 22 of people. But I -- I don't think he worked there at
- 23 the time.
- 24 Q. It's correct he didn't work there at the
- 25 time. I -- I -- I hear you on that.

- Page 104 Have you done anything to inform yourself
- 2 about the circumstances of his departure?
- A. I have not.
- Q. Okay. You said that you viewed facilitating 5 the collateral audit as part of your role; is that 6 right?
- A. Yes, sir. 7
- Q. Were you personally involved in determining 9 whether to grant access to Saiph for the collateral 10 audit?
- 11 A. I may have participated in a couple of
- 12 conversations around the -- there was a lot of noise
- 13 about letting a former employee in, a lot of noise
- 14 about it. And I may have participated in conversation
- 15 with -- with Jim Howard or -- or Mark Shapiro, for
- 16 sure Chris O'Reilly. Although I'm -- I'm becoming
- 17 less involved in, but I'm still on site a little bit.
- Q. And to B. Riley's credit, you-all said, yes,
- 19 Leadenhall has this contractual right to inspect the 20 collateral, right?
- A. Yeah. I mean, look, there was a lot of
- 22 concern about letting a former employee in. I mean,
- 23 in hindsight, it would have been better to use CBIZ.
- 24 They were -- or someone like that. They were
- 25 already -- you know what I'm saying? There's a lot of

- 1 people that could do this. So in -- in hindsight,
- 2 the -- they -- there -- you know, but there was a lot
- 3 of concern about letting in a former employee.
- 4 And -- and I think by that time they
- 5 probably knew the contractor was also former employee
- 6 or the ITs. So there was a lot of concern about
- 7 letting in a former employee, a competitor in to do
- 8 the audit. But at some point -- at some point Mark
- 9 and I decided that -- we overruled the objections and 10 said let's go.
- 11 Q. Did you think that Saiph was a competitor?
- 12 Is it your view that Saiph was a competitor?
- A. And I might be mixing up Paul Kosinksi 14 with -- with Fred Love. I think Fred was -- was going
- 15 to try to do servicing of portfolios, so maybe that
- 16 was a mix up. But there was -- so maybe it was more
- 17 about that. And I don't know exactly what all their
- 18 business angles at Saiph is. I did look on the
- 19 internet and see their website.
- 20 Q. Are you familiar with the MPFin system?
- 21 A. Just in passing. And I may have seen one
- 22 export from MPFin for myself. Not in prep. Just at
- 23 the time I may have been looking at a loan or
- 24 something.
- 25 Q. Did you actually look -- review what record

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1 information, receivable information looks like in
2 MPFin?

A. Yeah, one time. I think I was on the phone

4 with Jim and I said -- or maybe Teresa Licamora, you

5 know. And I wanted to see an output.

6 Q. Mm-hmm.

7 Was it easy to understand for you?

8 A. I can't even remember to be honest. It was9 so long ago.

10 MR. STARR: Do y'all want to take a quick

11 break?

12 Go off.

13 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Going off the

14 record. The time is now 10:53.

15 (A recess was taken.)

16 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record.

17 The time is now 11:13.

18 BY MR. STARR:

19 Q. So, Mr. Ratner, before the break we were

20 talking about Saiph Consulting, right?

21 A. Yes, sir.

22 Q. Leadenhall is not the only creditor of 777

23 that retained Saiph Consulting to perform a collateral

24 audit; is that right?

25 A. Yes, sir. I -- I only learned that in

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1 prepping for the deposition.

2 Q. So you're aware of Northwestern Mutual's

3 audit?

6 was?

5 Q. Do you know what the purpose of that audit

7 A. I think similar collateral audit.

Q. Was there a collateral shortfall in

9 Northwestern Mutual's portfolio that you're aware of?

10 A. I can't recall.

11 Q. Was Northwestern Mutual looking for evidence

12 of fraud on the part of Suttonpark?

13 A. I don't know.

14 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

15 BY MR. STARR:

16 Q. Did anyone at 777 Partners or B. Riley

17 object to Northwestern Mutual's retention of Saiph to

18 perform the audit?

9 A. I -- I don't think so.

20 Q. I think you testified earlier that you first

21 learned of the intrusions in August -- Noah Davis, his

22 alleged intrusions in August of 2024?

23 A. Yeah, I don't recall that exactly -- exactly

24 when I learned it. It would have been probably after

25 Mark

Q. Okay.

2 A. And Chris O'Reilly, maybe Chris.

3 Q. This lawsuit was filed in September of last

4 year, right?

A. Yeah, late September.

Q. Sometime between August and September you

7 learned of the intrusions?

A. (No verbal response given.)

9 THE COURT REPORTER: Verbally.

10 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.

11 BY MR. STARR:

12 Q. Could you just walk me through what happened

13 from the time that you first learned of the

14 intrusions --

15 MR. MORLAN: I'm sorry, are we on the

16 record?

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17 MR. STARR: Yes.

18 MR. MORLAN: Okay. I -- I was not in the

19 room. Can we check and make sure everybody is

20 here after a break before we start?

MR. STARR: Yes. Sorry, Hal.

22 MR. MORLAN: Thank you.

MR. STARR: You didn't miss much.

24 BY MR. STARR:

5 Q. Could you explain -- just walk me through

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1 what happened from the time that you first learned of

2 the intrusions to the time plaintiffs filed this

3 lawsuit that led you to believe that Leadenhall was

4 responsible for the intrusions.

5 A. Well, I think that once the -- once the

6 intrusion was -- became known in August, there was

7 probably a conversation that -- about investigating

8 it. And I think Mark was working with Shawn. My --

9 my participation in that process would have been

10 connecting everybody with Eric Mazur because, of

11 course, Eric works for me. I know him well. He's

12 highly qualified. So I would -- when I learned about

13 this, I said, oh, we -- we've got to get Eric

14 involved, this is what he does. And then I would have

15 connected either Chris O'Reilly or Mark with Eric

16 Mazur.

17 Q. Did you participate in any of the

18 discussions about investigating it, aside from your

19 recommendation to involve Mr. Mazur?

20 A. Probably not.

21 Q. So once Mr. Mazur was on board, he began

22 investigating; is that right?

23 A. Working with Shawn and Jim Howard and Mark,

24 Chris O'Reilly, Mollie.

Q. Was there, at some point, another meeting to

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### 1 discuss his findings?

- A. I don't know if it was a group meeting. It
- 3 was very fluid. It was a short time period. I
- 4 remember asking somebody in an e-mail to send me his
- 5 findings, and they sent me a draft or an earlier
- 6 version of his findings. And I don't think I talked
- 7 to Eric about it. I think I talked to Mark and Jim
- 8 Howard about it. So I -- I know at some point I asked
- 9 to get a draft of what he was working on. Somebody
- 10 sent that to me internally.
- 11 Q. You authorized the filing of this lawsuit;
- 12 is that right?
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. Was it your intention --
- 15 A. Well, with -- with Mark.
- 16 Q. Sure.
- 17 Was it your intention to be guided in your
- 18 decisions about the litigation by whatever Mr. Mazur
- 19 found?

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10 BY MR. STARR:

18 information.

23 understanding?

A. Yes, sir.

- 20 A. I think it's part of it. I mean, working
- 21 with Mark and Mr. Mazur and counsel, you know, we
- 22 wouldn't file a lawsuit without consulting with
- 23 counsel and working with counsel around the table.
- 24 That's not -- I wouldn't do that.
- 25 Q. Mr. Mazur himself did not find any evidence

1 linking Leadenhall to the alleged intrusions, right?

MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

know, Leadenhall/has an agent, that agent is

Noah Davis. Like to me it's -- that's their --

12 possibilities, any other possible explanations?

A. I -- I don't think anyone questioned -- I

15 understanding from reading the documents and nobody

Q. My understanding is that plaintiffs only

22 plaintiffs contend that was Noah Davis; is that your

21 who made -- who actually made the intrusions,

20 contend that Noah Davis himself, as far as the person

Q. And Mr. Davis had an independent connection

their arm. Their -- like the employer is

responsible for the employee.

14 think -- and I could be wrong. I think my

16 questions that there was a data intrusion and

17 unauthorized access to various categories of

little bit before. I mean, to me, it's -- you

THE WITNESS: Well, you asked me this a

Saiph, and then Saiph has a contractor and that's

Q. Did you investigate or rule out any other

### 1 and history with 777 Partners, right?

- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q. Mr. Taheri was Mr. Davis's direct report,

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- 4 right?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And Mr. Taheri testified in this litigation
- 7 that Mr. Davis was extremely disgruntled. Are you
- 8 aware of that?
- MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection. Objection to
- 10 form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I don't know what he said.
- 12 I -- I -- I don't know exactly what he said.
- 13 I think I read that in one of your pleadings.
- 14 When I say "your," I mean a Leadenhall pleading,
- 15 sorry.
- 16 BY MR. STARR:
- 17 Q. But is it the case that you didn't
- 18 investigate whether Mr. Davis had his own personal
- 19 motives to commit the intrusions?
- 20 A. I mean, we didn't interview -- we did not
- 21 interview Noah Davis.
- 22 Q. Who came up with the idea of --
- 23 A. I mean, actually, it's the inverse. I mean,
- 24 maybe Leadenhall should have done an internal
- 25 investigation and given us the results of their

### Page 111 Page 111 Page 111 Page 111 Page 111 Page 111 Page 11 Internal investigation about their contractors. So, I

2 mean...

### 3 Q. Did you reach out to Leadenhall before

### 4 filing the suit?

- 5 A. I did not. I just thought of that now.
- 6 It's a good idea.
- 7 Q. Did anyone?
- 8 A. Did you -- did you do an investigation?
- 9 Q. I don't -- I don't think I'm answering your

#### 10 questions today, Mr. Ratner.

- 11 A. Yeah. You can.
- 12 Q. You've done this a couple hundred times.
- 13 A. Yeah, I mean, you can.
- 14 Q. We're not going to do that.
- 15 A. I don't know. I don't know.
- 16 Q. No, thanks.
- 17 A. I didn't reach out to anybody. I wasn't --
- 18 again, at this point I'm not running the day-to-day
- 19 case at -- at -- at the -- at 777, so ...
- 20 Q. Do you know whether anyone at B. Riley or
- 21 777 reached out to Leadenhall to ask about these
- 22 intrusions before filing suit?
- 23 A. I don't know.
- 24 Q. And -- and who came up with the idea that it
- 25 was Leadenhall behind these intrusions?

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A. Well, I think we lay out the -- the

- 2 groundwork for that in the interrogatories. But
- 3 it's -- it's not that they're behind it. It's their
- 4 agents. So their agents are working for them. And
- 5 then when you start looking at the fact that it's
- 6 complex litigation and the discovery that was going on
- 7 at the time and access to Pasko, why would -- I mean,
- 8 again, I don't want to get into hypothesizing, but
- 9 like why is Noah Davis on Pasko's computer. I mean,
- 10 so there's just a lot of noise in there.
- 11 Also, right about that time there's an
- 12 amendment to the original New York complaint. A lot
- 13 of updates in there. I remember this from a
- 14 conversation with Mr. McCarthy.
- 15 MR. PELLEGRINO: I'm going to warn you not 16 to disclose the substance of conversations with
- 17 counsel.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 19 BY MR. STARR:
- 20 Q. If -- if -- if --
- 21 MR. PELLEGRINO: Are you done answering?
- 22 THE WITNESS: Well, I was going to refer to
- 23 a conversation, so I'm not going to.
- 24 MR. PELLEGRINO: Okay. Other than that
- 25 conversation, I don't know if you're complete --

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- 1 completed your answer.
- 2 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I mean, I think
- 3 there's -- there's -- we lay out as best we can in
- 4 the interrogatories and the other documents about
- 5 the -- the -- about the connection to Leadenhall,
- 6 and that's why we filed suit.
- 7 BY MR. STARR:
- Q. I understand. We're going to go through 9 though those.
- 10 I want to ask: So did you independently
- 11 arrive at the conclusion that Leadenhall must be
- 12 responsible or behind the intrusions?
- A. When you say -- I don't know what you mean.
- 14 When you say "independently arrived," did I -- did I
- 15 personally come up to that view?
- 16 Q. That's my question.
- 17 A. Yeah, I didn't even think it was that
- 18 contentious to be honest because -- of -- of including
- 19 them in the case because they were their contractors.
- 20 If -- if somebody at B. Riley does something bad, B.
- 21 Riley gets sued. And they were the agents for
- 22 Leadenhall. Did Leadenhall use the information? I
- 23 don't know. We're going to find that out in
- 24 discovery.
- 25 Q. If Mr. Davis were found not to be

Page 116 1 Leadenhall's agent, would you say there's no basis to

- 2 name Leadenhall as a defendant in this lawsuit?
- A. I mean, Saiph's agent and then Saiph is --
- 4 is -- and Saiph is a Leadenhall agent. And also
- 5 there's all these other suspicious connections that we
- 6 lay out. But ultimately those to me seem like
- 7 legal -- like to me, that's like a legal analysis.
- Q. You must have a good faith basis to fill a
- 9 federal lawsuit, right?
- A. Oh, I think -- I think we have a very good
- 11 faith basis. It's your agent. It's a complicated
- 12 situation. There's a lot of litigation. And there's
- 13 an un- -- unquestioned data breach where sensitive
- 14 information that could impact the litigation was
- 15 collected or may have been collected. I guess, I -- I
- 16 understand from reading your answer -- or partial --
- 17 from reading some of your answers. I don't think I've
- 18 studied all of the answers in the case, but I
- 19 understand that there's a dispute.
- 20 Q. So I want to get to the -- to the heart of 21 the basis.
- 22 So you mentioned that the amended complaint
- 23 filed in New York has more references to Mr. Pasko,
- 24 right?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q. More detail?
  - 2 A. Yes.
  - Q. Can you identify any new allegation in that
- 4 complaint that would have been derived from any
- 5 information Mr. Davis obtained?
- A. I cannot. I -- I didn't do that analysis.
- 7 So when I say I can't, it's not because I don't know
- 8 if it exists or not. I didn't do that analysis.
- Q. Okay.
- 10 A. Also, I don't know what was -- how could I
- 11 do that analysis if I don't know what was in the
- 12 materials that they may have gotten from Pasko's
- 13 computer.
- 14 Q. I think that's a very good question.
- 15 What kind of information would be useful to
- 16 Leadenhall in the New York case?
- A. Anything that they're going to get in
- 18 discovery or before discovery is available or
- 19 privileged information or anything. Like I --
- 20 anything about what's -- what Pasko knew, didn't know,
- 21 what he did, what he supervised. I don't know.
- Q. And the New York case has proceeded to
- 23 document discovery, right?
- 24 A. It is, yeah.
- 25 Q. And can you identify any piece of



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Page 118 1 information that would be helpful to Leadenhall in the 2 New York case? 3 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form. 4 THE WITNESS: Well, anything -- well --5 well, sure. I'm not going to make up things. But 6 they -- they're trying to prove their case, and I 7 imagine that the same reason why you have 8 discovery, that you hope that in discovery you're 9 going to -- or you believe in discovery -- and, 10 again, I'm not a lawyer. But I believe that you 11 believe in discovery you're going to find 12 additional information to support your allegations 13 and to -- you know, I think that's the same point. 14 I'm sure that counsel for Leadenhall believe that 15 there's going to be useful discovery. 16 MR. STARR: Can you please mark this as 17 Ratner Exhibit 3. 18 (Ratner Exhibit 3 was marked for 19 identification.) 20 MR. STARR: Hal, and anyone on Zoom, we're 21 marking as Exhibit 3 the declaration that 22 Mr. Ratner submitted in support of the preliminary 23 injunction. It's at Docket 11-2. 24 THE WITNESS: (Perusing.) 25 BY MR. STARR:

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- Q. Mr. Ratner, do you recognize that document? 1
- 2 A. Yes, sir (perusing).
- Q. That is the declaration you submitted in

### 4 this case?

- 5 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. And you signed it on September 27, 2024?
- 7 A. Yes, sir (perusing).
- Q. Okay. Do you stand by the statements made
- 9 in your declaration?
- 10 A. I do.
- 11 Q. Okay. And you articulate several factors
- 12 that you say make it clear Leadenhall was aware of and
- 13 directed Davis's actions, correct?
- 14 A. (Perusing.)
- 15 Yes.
- 16 Q. Let's go to Paragraph 21.
- 17 A. Okay (complying).
- 18 Q. In here you say that "Plaintiffs' systems
- 19 and information that Davis accessed (some of which
- 20 appears to have been altered) would clearly be
- 21 considered by Leadenhall as potentially useful in
- 22 prosecuting the Leadenhall Litigation against
- 23 Plaintiffs."
- 24 Do you see that?
- 25 A. Yes (perusing).

Q. Do you stand by that statement?

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- Q. Didn't you just testify just moments ago
- 4 that you don't know what information was accessed?
- A. Well, no. I know they got access to the
- 6 MPFin system. We know that there was access to Jen
- 7 Log- -- Logee's computer. I may be pronouncing it
- 8 wrong. And she had a lot of information about BIH,
- 9 which is also another area where Leadenhall may have a
- 10 loss. Okay? And we also -- I'm also aware that they
- 11 had access to Mr. Steven Pasko's Outlook. And all of
- 12 that could be considered potentially useful, the word
- 13 potentially useful to prosecuting Leadenhall's
- 14 litigation against the plaintiff. Sure, for sure.
- Q. So -- so Ms. Logee's laptop, can you
- 16 identify with specificity any -- any file or any
- 17 document that Mr. Davis accessed on her laptop.
- 18 allegedly accessed?
- 19 A. No. But that's not the point. The point is
- 20 that the -- the -- the target of those items would
- 21 potentially have useful information in prosecuting the
- 22 Leadenhall litigation against the plaintiffs.
- Q. You mentioned BIH? 23
- A. Yes. 24
- 25 Q. What information about BIH would be on

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### 1 Ms. Logee's laptop? Do you know?

- A. Well, she -- I don't know, but she was the
- 3 general counsel or the lawyer or the paralegal -- not
- 4 paralegal. The -- the lawyer assigned to Brickell
- 5 Insurance Holdings, which is the enterprise that owns
- 6 777 Re and is also subject to a potential loss for
- 7 Leadenhall. There's a loan, I can't remember the
- 8 exact entity, but BIH has a -- there's a loan at the
- 9 BIH level or a sub of BIH.
- 10 Q. Is -- is BIH relevant to -- is it -- are
- 11 there claims in New York based on BIH?
- A. I can't remember, but I know that when we --
- 13 when we were in discussion about settlement -- you
- 14 asked me earlier toady about settlement discussions.
- 15 I know that in the Leadenhall -- we -- we had tried to
- 16 leave BIH out, and in the -- Leadenhall put BIH in. 17 Because originally we were talking about Suttonpark
- 18 and we were talking about the Insurity portfolio. And
- 19 then I think in one of the drafts back and forth, a --
- 20 the BIH loan was included in it.
- 21 Q. There's a separate credit facility relating 22 to BIH. right?
- A. Or one of the subs. If I had my chart here, 23
- 24 I'd tell you exactly where it is. But within in the
- 25 BAI -- BIH world, I think there's some other debt.

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Page 122 Q. You don't know whether there's any claim

2 asserted in the New York case based on BIH?

- 3 A. I -- I can't recall.
- 4 Q. Okay. And you don't know what information
- 5 about BIH was on Ms. Logee's laptop?
- A. No
- 7 Q. But your testimony is that it would clearly
- 8 be considered by Leadenhall as useful in the
- 9 litigation?
- 10 A. No. You're missing a key word there.
- 11 Potentially useful.
- 12 Q. So you're just saying there's a possibility
- 13 it might be useful?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. You mentioned --
- 16 A. Well, they're certainly going to ask for
- 17 those things in discovery. I guarantee you that when
- 18 the Leadenhall discovery requests come up, they're
- 19 going to have correspondence around BIH and, you know,
- 20 loan summaries and debt. I mean, they're going to
- 21 have all that.
- 22 Q. That -- that sounds fine. We'll see what's
- 23 in discovery.
- 24 So you mentioned the MPFin system?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q. And the MPFin system houses data pertaining
- 2 to aspects and collateral across all of Suttonpark's
- 3 business, right?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Does not just have information about the
- 6 collateral relevant to Leadenhall, right?
- A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. Okay. In fact, we know that it contains
- 9 data related to Northwestern Mutual, right?
- 10 A. Yes, sir.
- 11 Q. Northwestern Mutual hired Saiph, correct?
- 12 A. Correct.
- 13 Q. And your testimony is that Noah Davis was
- 14 working for Saiph, right?
- 15 A. Well, I -- I don't even know when that audit
- 16 occurred. I mean, so I don't -- I don't know if he
- 17 was there at the time.
- 18 Q. We'll get there.
- 19 If -- if those two audits occurred a similar
- 20 timeline, in the summer of 2024, would it be just as
- 21 plausible that Northwestern Mutual was behind the
- 22 intrusions?
- 23 A. I mean, I don't -- we're not in litigation
- 24 with Northwestern Mutual.
- 25 Q. That's what I'm asking, yeah.

Page 124 Why did you decide to name Leadenhall rather

2 than Northwestern Mutual if it's -- if it's based on

- 3 an agency relationship?
- 4 A. Because the -- my understanding is that
- 5 the -- well, first of all, we're not in a current
- 6 litigation with Northwestern Mutual. Part of the
- 7 allegation is that the data intrusion was driven to
- 8 get additional information related to -- you know,
- 9 that could be used or benefit in the New York
- 10 litigation, number one.
- 11 Number two is my understanding is that the
- 12 intrusions occurred during the Leadenhall collateral
- 13 audit. I -- I don't have any information to say that
- 14 on August 9 it was Northwestern Mutual. I don't know
- 15 that.
- 16 Q. And you didn't consider that at the time you
- 17 decided to file suit?
  - A. Yeah, I don't -- I don't think that was part
- 19 of our consideration. I mean, maybe -- maybe the
- 20 team -- I'm only talking about myself. I don't recall
- 21 that.
- 22 Q. If I represent to you that the Northwestern
- 23 Mutual audit was ongoing on August 9th, would that
- 24 change your view?
- 25 A. I don't think so.

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- 1 Q. Why not?
- 2 A. Because I don't think -- because North --
- 3 there's other factors here, and I don't think that
- 4 Northwestern Mutual was looking for Mr. Pasko's
- 5 e-mails. Like I just -- from sitting here today, I
- 6 don't think that would change my opinion. I mean, I
- 7 got to think about it. But sitting here today, I
- 8 don't think it would change my opinion.
- 9 Q. And -- and one factor is because
- 10 Northwestern Mutual had not sued 777 Partners, whereas
- 11 Leadenhall had?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. So did 777 sue Leadenhall because Leadenhall
- 14 had sued it?
- 15 A. No.
- 16 Q. And you said Leadenhall would want
- 17 Mr. Pasko's e-mails?
- 18 A. They might. We just discussed that.
- 19 Q. Wasn't -- couldn't Leadenhall get
- 20 Mr. Pasko's e-mails through discovery in the New York
- 21 action which is underway?
- 22 A. They might. Some of them might be
- 23 privileged. Some might. I mean, they're -- they're
- 24 going to have discovery.
- 25 Q. You think Leadenhall wanted to risk federal



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1 criminal liability to get a handful of privileged

2 e-mails?

- A. I don't know.
- 4 Q. Are you aware of any e-mails that would be
- 5 particularly helpful to Leadenhall in its New York

6 case?

- 7 A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. You're not aware of any?
- 9 A. I just said I don't know.
- 10 Q. Okay. Leadenhall alleges fraud in the New
- 11 York case, right?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. A fraudulent conspiracy?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay. Would you agree that the type of
- 16 information that would potentially be useful to
- 17 Leadenhall in New York is evidence of fraud?
- A. Say that again.
- 19 Q. Would you agree that the type of information
- 20 that would be useful to Leadenhall in the New York
- 21 case is evidence of fraud since Leadenhall is pursuing
- 22 a fraud claim?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. Okay. Are you aware of any evidence of the
- 25 existence at fraud that exists in any of the

1 this preliminary injunction application?

- 2 A. I mean, it could have been Mark Shapiro.
- 3 He's the CEO. He's the acting COO of the company. I

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- 4 think Mark also filed a declaration, if I'm...
- 5 Q. Well, you testified that you didn't
- 6 personally investigate the allegations made in the
- 7 complaint, right?
- 8 A. Well, I mean, I know the allegations in the
- 9 complaint because we had an investigation done. I
- 10 think the complaint is pretty factual. And we went
- 11 through the complaint and I worked with counsel on it.
- 12 And I'm -- I'm not sure who's supposed to be
- 13 declarant.
- 14 Q. Are you the person most knowledgeable about
- 15 the matters discussed in your declaration?
- 16 A. Yeah. I mean, I -- I know about these
- 17 matters in the declaration.
- 18 Q. Are you the person most knowledgeable about
- 19 the information that Mr. Davis accessed during the
- 20 alleged intrusions?
- 21 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 22 THE WITNESS: No, that would be the
- 23 technical experts. And I think they also filed
- 24 declarations in this case.
- 25 BY MR. STARR:

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1 repositories of information you've identified here?

- 2 Mr. Pasko e-mails, Ms. Logee's laptop, or the MPFin?
- 3 A. I don't know.
- 4 And you said "existence at fraud," what does
- 5 that mean?
- 6 Q. Existence of --
- 7 A. Existence of fraud.
- 8 Q. Of fraud.
- 9 A. Okay. You said at fraud.
- 10 Q. Okay. Well, then I misspoke. Existence --
- 11 existence of fraud.
- 12 A. I don't know.
- 13 Q. Do you believe there are e-mails within
- 14 Mr. Pasko's mailbox that evidence fraud at 777?
- 15 A. I don't know.
- 16 Q. Okay. Did you ever ask Mr. Pasko that?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Did you ever ask Mr. Pasko why he thought
- 19 Davis targeted his e-mails?
- 20 A. I personally did not. I -- I think there
- 21 may have been some conversation around that.
- 22 Q. And he said had to be Leadenhall?
- 23 A. No, no. I don't -- I don't know what he
- 24 said.
- 25 Q. Okay. Why are you the declarant here for

- 1 Q. Did any of their --
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  - 3 filed a declaration. And I'm pretty sure that Mark

A. Mr. -- Mr. Mazur. I think Mr. Shawn Taheri

- 4 Shapiro filed a declaration.
- 5 Q. Did any of their declarations link the
- 6 intrusions to Leadenhall?
- A. I don't know.
- 8 Q. With respect to MPFin, can you identify any
- 9 information in MPFin, other than the information about
- 10 Leadenhall's collateral, that would be useful to
- 11 Leadenhall in New York?
- A. Say that again, sorry.
- 13 Q. Can you identify any information in the
- 14 MPFin system, other than the collateral in
- 15 Leadenhall's portfolio, that would be useful to
- 16 Leadenhall in the New York case?
- 17 A. I mean, I don't know if they're looking at
- 18 other accounts. You know, there's -- there's some
- 19 allegations, I believe, that -- that some of the
- 20 collateral might have been moved between -- between
- 21 different loan pools, so maybe that's what they're
- 22 looking at. I don't know. I'm sure it could be
- 23 helpful.
- 24 Q. You're sure it could be, but you don't know
- 25 why?

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A. I mean, because --

2 Q. Is that right?

3 A. -- it's a -- well, let me finish.

4 It's a pretty -- it's a pretty expansive

- 5 allegation and there is a lot of allegation of double
- 6 banking securities. And if you're going to do that,
- 7 you'd want to look at all the different participants,
- 8 I think
- 9 Q. Would you need to be able to do that to
- 10 audit the collateral adequately?
- 11 A. Possibly.
- 12 Q. Didn't 777 Partners at B. Riley's direction
- 13 grant access --
- 14 A. Mm-hmm.
- 15 Q. -- to Leadenhall -- excuse me, to Saiph,
- 16 access to the collateral relevant to Leadenhall?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay.
- 19 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 20 BY MR. STARR:
- 21 Q. All right. Mr. -- Mr. Pasko's -- with
- 22 respect to Mr. Pasko's e-mails, it's the case that
- 23 plaintiffs allege Davis targeted Pasko's entire
- 24 mailbox, right?
- 25 A. I think so.

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- 2 A. I believe so.
- 3 Q. Okay. Mr. Pasko was the former managing

Q. Meaning all of his e-mails, right?

- 4 partner of the 777 Partners?
- A. Yes.

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- 6 Q. So he had a broad range of management
- 7 responsibilities; is that right?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. 777 Partners has dozens of portfolio
- 10 companies, right?
- 11 A. Yes. He also has a -- he was also a -- he
- 12 was obviously involved in Suttonpark as well.
- 13 Q. And all of the portfolio companies 777
- 14 Partners that Mr. Pasko was responsible for, they had
- 15 a number of business partners other than Leadenhall,
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. 777 Partners has been sued by other
- 19 creditors other than Leadenhall, correct?
- 20 A. Some.
- 21 Q. 777 Partners has been sued by investors --
- 22 A. Well, I --
- 23 Q. -- in other lawsuits?
- 24 A. From other creditors, I'm just thinking. I
- 25 mean, I don't know if they're all creditors, but

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1 there -- there are some other lawsuits from investors

- 2 and there is -- I mean, Orba (phonetic) is a
- 3 deficiency creditor, you know...
- 4 Q. Obra?
- 5 A. Yeah.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. So I -- and it's not like there's -- there's
- 8 not a line of banks suing. I mean, it's -- it's --
- 9 there's a -- there's a lot of -- as you identified
- 10 yesterday, there -- there's a lot of smaller
- 11 litigation. Although those -- the two New York state
- 12 cases are not insignificant.
- 13 Q. Let me just make it easier then.
- 14 777 Partners has been made a defendant by
- 15 parties in other lawsuits, right?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q. Lawsuits that do not involve Leadenhall?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. Mr. Pasko himself has been named as a
- 20 defendant in lawsuits not involving Leadenhall,
- 21 correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. It's fair to assume that not all of the
- 24 e-mails in Mr. Pasko's mailbox relate to Leadenhall,
- 25 right?

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- A. Correct.
- 2 Q. And you cannot identify any specific e-mails
- 3 Mr. Davis targeted, right?
- 4 A. That is correct.
- 5 Q. Okay. So why is Pasko's entire mailbox
- 6 particularly relevant to Leadenhall more so than any
- 7 other counterparty in another lawsuit?
- 8 A. Well, certainly the dispute with Leadenhall
- 9 dwarfs anything else the company is dealing with at
- 10 the moment, number one.
- 11 And number two is I don't know -- I mean, I
- 12 wasn't aware that any other litigant was using Saiph
- 13 or Noah Davis to access information.
- 14 Q. Do you know anything about Mr. Pasko's
- 15 relationship with Mr. Davis?
- 16 A. I do not.
- 17 Q. Do you know whether they had any bad blood?
- 18 A. I do not.
- 19 Q. Mr. Pasko is the target of a DOJ
- 20 investigation, right?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Someone with his e-mails might be able to
- 23 use them to harm Mr. Davis -- Mr. -- excuse me,
- 24 Mr. Pasko in connection with the DOJ investigation,
- 25 hypothetically?



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Page 134 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

2 THE WITNESS: Yeah, that's a reasonable

3 hypothetical.

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4 BY MR. STARR:

Q. Okay. You also -- back to your declaration,Mr. Ratner.

7 You mentioned there in Paragraph 22, "the 8 timing of at least one incursion in occurring just 9 prior to an important hearing in the Leadenhall 10 litigation."

11 Do you see that?

12 A. Yes (perusing).

13 Q. What are you talking about there?

14 A. (Perusing.)

15 I remember the hearing, but I can't -- I

16 can't remember what it was about sitting here today.

17 This is -- I wrote this in September. I -- I can't

18 remember. There was a hearing. I know Mr. McCarthy

19 was at the hearing. I know I was on the phone with

20 him. And I cannot remember what the hearing was

21 about.

22 Q. If you look at Paragraph 16 of your

23 declaration and you see you're discussing a TRO that

24 was set to expire on Monday, July 8th.

25 A. Oh, maybe that was the hearing. Okay

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1 (perusing).

Q. Does that refresh your recollection as to3 which hearing?

A. It does.

5 Q. Okay. So what are you saying here with 6 this, "the timing of at least one incursion in

7 occurring just prior to an important hearing," that

8 July 8th hearing?

9 A. I guess it's part of the same comment I made

10 before. There was a -- during that summer time

11 period, there was an intense -- intense effort to

12 collect all types of documents and records in the

13 summer, July, around that time period. And at the

14 same time as -- I mean, literally there's letters and

15 documents and we -- Chris Jarvinen is working

16 full-time on parsing out all those requests. It's all

17 happening at the same time.

18 There's this intense effort to get documents

19 from Mark and myself and the general counsel -- and

20 the counsel and all that. Some of it we're like this

21 doesn't relate to the collateral whatever.

22 And the suspicion is that the effort to get

23 those documents. Again, it -- we're going to have a

24 lawsuit. There's discovery. But all of that is

25 happening at the same time as the data incursion. At

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1 the same time that there's this intense push by

2 Leadenhall to get all these records, that's when the

3 data incursion occurs. My recollection is maybe 16 is

4 what -- Paragraph 16 is what's referred to in

5 Paragraph 22.

6 Q. King & Spalding represented Leadenhall at

7 that hearing, correct, the July 8th hearing?

A. I believe so.

9 Q. I just want to be clear, are you suggesting

10 that King & Spalding directed Mr. Davis to commit

11 federal crimes to have a better showing at that

12 hearing?

13 A. Absolutely not.

14 Q. Okay. What are you suggesting?

15 A. Well, someone at Leadenhall is trying to get

16 all these records and -- and, again, I don't know how

17 involved Leadenhall is or not. But they're trying to

18 get all these records and -- and maybe that's part of

19 the discovery. I don't know what Leadenhall is

20 telling Saiph and -- and Davis. I don't think anyone

21 is saying that King & Spalding -- you know, we're not

22 suing King & Spalding. I have the utmost respect for

23 King & Spalding.

24 Q. Thank you.

25 Do you know what was discussed at that

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1 hearing?

2 A. I did. I don't.

Q. Okay. Well, it -- it says here "the TRO was

4 set to expire" and the hearing was "to decide whether

5 to convert the TRO into a preliminary injunction."

6 Do you see that --

7 A. Yeah, sure, sure (perusing).

8 Q. -- in Paragraph 16?

9 A. Yeah.

10 Q. Okay.

11 A. But you asked me if I knew what was

12 discussed. At the time I was on the phone with --

13 with John. I mean, I -- I was trying to be more

14 specific than that. I don't know what happened at the

15 hearing. I can't remember what happened at the

16 hearing.

17 Q. Okay. There was no new evidence presented 18 at that hearing, correct?

19 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

20 THE WITNESS: I don't know.

21 BY MR. STARR:

22 Q. You don't know. Okay.

23 Do you know what data or system was targeted

24 by Mr. Davis on the eve of that hearing?

5 A. I do not.

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Q. Can you draw any connection between whatever

2 Mr. Davis targeted right before the hearing and

3 anything that was said at the hearing?

4 A. I -- I -- I don't. I mean, I know that the

5 data incursions happened before August. It happened

6 around the time of those -- in June and all that. I

7 don't know what -- and -- and I don't know if he was

8 successful. So I -- I don't know what happened.

9 Q. Okay. Well, you -- you're pointing to the

10 timing of at least one incursion -- incursion in

11 occurring just prior to an important hearing in the

12 Leadenhall litigation. And I'm trying to ask you what

13 connection you can draw between those two things.

14 A. And I think I've told you what connection

15 I've drawn, several times.

16 Q. That there were information requests?

17 A. Well, that we were -- more than information

18 requests. There was an intense discovery information

19 request. And -- and going back and forth and a lot of

20 the things that were -- that the company -- that the

21 Leadenhall company was seeking, we felt were outside

22 of the collateral audit requirements.

23 And it was a very intense process. So much

24 so that we had to assign one attorney to go -- to like

25 cull through it and, you know, explain why this

1 I -- I haven't heard you articulate that point.

2 A. I think I answered that guestion. If there

3 was an incursion in June and it's -- and we know

4 there's an important hearing coming up. And -- and

5 I'm not saying King & Spalding did anything. But if

6 Leadenhall says, oh, if we could find this type of

7 document, that'll make -- that'll be great and we'll

8 find a way to, you know, get it to lawyers. Like I

9 don't know. I mean, it's -- what you're trying to do

10 here is you're saying -- there was a lot of -- a lot

11 of things going on at the time that would make this

12 incursion strategically helpful.

13 Q. So -- so you don't know whether any evidence

14 was presented at that hearing. You don't know whether

15 any evidence was even contemplated or permitted to be

16 presented at that hearing.

17 A. Mm-hmm.

18 Q. You don't know what information Davis

19 targeted right before the hearing. And yet you

20 contend there's a connection between an incursion and

21 the hearing?

22 A. Yeah, well, how would I know what the --

23 the -- we don't know what he got from those

24 incursions, right? There was an incursion into the

25 e-mails and into Logee's computer. I don't know what

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1 document is or isn't appropriate. And -- and we were

2 trying to walk -- to cooperate. So it's not like we

3 were doing that as a -- we were like we need to let

4 them in, but we need to make sure that we also don't

5 just -- you know, there's -- there's a lawsuit going

6 on. You can't just say, okay, guys, come on, it's7 free discovery. I mean, that would be against our

8 fiduciary role.

9 Q. I--I--

10 A. To do that.

11 Q. I hear you on that.

12 What I'm trying -- and I'm -- we're going to

13 come back to the information request.

14 What I'm trying to ask you about though is15 the hearing.

16 A. It's all -- to me, it's the same time

17 period. I -- I don't -- I can't -- I can't separate

18 the time period of July 8th and June and I don't know.

19 Q. Okay. But you're talking about a period

20 where there were information requests, intense

21 discovery requests as you say. And I -- I understand

22 what you're saying. But this factor that you cite

23 here says an incursion occurred just prior to an

24 important hearing. And so I'm asking you what the

25 relevance of the connection is to that hearing. And

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1 they got, right? That's -- I mean, I think you've

2 asked me that and I said I don't know what he pulled

3 off or you were going to get there. So I wouldn't be

4 able to know how it would have helped or not.

5 Q. You don't know what he got and you don't

6 know if what he got was presented as evidence right

7 before this hearing that you're referring to?

8 A. Mm-hmm, yes.

9 Q. Okay. You mentioned the -- the requests for

10 information that you felt were beyond the collateral

11 audit rights of Leadenhall?

12 A. Yes.

15 example?

13 Q. Okay. What did Leadenhall ask for that it

14 was not contractually entitled to? Can you give me an

16 A. I mean, sitting here today it was -- the

17 list was -- there was letters and there was, you know,

18 multi, multi e-mails and we culled through all of

To main, main a main and we called imough an or

19 those and tried to discern what was relevant to the

20 collateral audit and what isn't. Some of the things

21 we dis- -- we determined, based on counsel's advice,22 were not responsive. And this is not something that

23 Mark or I did on our own. We had counsel involved.

24 In fact, counsel is running it.

25 Q. Mm-hmm.

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A. So...

2 Q. And Mr. Roger Schwartz from Paul Hastings

3 was sending some of those requests?

- A. Some. Some were actually coming direct. I
- 5 think there was interaction directly -- not with
- 6 Mr. Gillespie, but somebody else at Leadenhall had
- 7 interacted directly with Jim Howard on certain
- 8 requests as well. And we combined those -- combined
- 9 or aggregated those requests and -- and had an actual10 process to go through them.
- 11 Q. Let me ask the same question that I asked
- 12 earlier about King & Spalding about Paul Hastings.
- 13 Are -- are you suggesting that Paul Hastings
- 14 directed Mr. Davis to commit intrusions when its
- 15 information requests were rebuffed?
- 16 A. I -- I'm not.
- 17 Q. Okay.
- 18 A. I mean, that's -- this is an agency
- 19 relationship. Leadenhall -- Leadenhall hires Saiph,
- 20 Saiph hires Davis. I don't know what's going on
- 21 between the three of them. That's why there's
- 22 discovery.
- 23 Q. Doesn't Leadenhall have information rights
- 24 beyond the scope of the collateral audit in connection
- 25 with other credit facilities?

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- 1 A. Yes, they do.
- 2 Q. Okay. Did any of those information --
- 3 A. And all -- I mean, it -- it doesn't say
- 4 anything here about it, but I was on a call with --
- 5 with Leadenhall and -- and I'm blanking on his name.
- 6 I mean, the guy was yelling at me at the top of his
- 7 lungs. I mean, there's a lot of animus. I don't know
- 8 what they would do. I don't know what Leadenhall
- 9 would do. That's why we're -- that's why we're here.
- 10 Q. Okay. And -- and what information did
- 11 Leadenhall have a right to, generally speaking?
- 12 Talking books and records? Financial statements?
- 13 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: I mean, I'm not -- I'm not in
- 15 a position now to give you the whole list. Every
- 16 credit agreement lays out what their right of
- 17 audit is.
- 18 BY MR. STARR:
- 19 Q. Mm-hmm. Okay.
- 20 A. They definitely had a right to certain
- 21 documents and we wanted to comply and get them
- 22 those -- those documents.
- 23 Q. Is it unusual in your experience that a
- 24 creditor ask for information that the debtor doesn't
- 25 want to give? Is that unusual for there to be a

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- 1 disagreement about the scope of a contractual
- 2 information right?
- A. No. Happens often.
- 4 Q. Were you ever instructed not to provide
- 5 information by A-CAP or anyone acting on A-CAP's
- 7 A. No. We were -- we -- we wanted to give
- 8 information. We were working on that.
- 9 Q. But you didn't want to give them all the 10 information they requested, right?
- 11 A. That would be inappropriate. That would be
- 12 like, okay, it's -- guys, there's a lot -- remember,
- 13 it's a major lawsuit. There's other parties involved.
- 14 And, okay, it's free discovery, come in, do whatever
- 15 you want. I mean, it's just -- there's a process and
- 16 walre trains to follow the process. The same way we
- 16 we're trying to follow the process. The same way you17 would if you were representing us.
- 18 Q. It's not free discovery if there's a
- 19 contractual right to the information, right?
- 20 A. Right, but that's why you have to go through
- 21 a process to figure out what -- what are they allowed
- 22 to get and try to, you know, get it in the right
- 23 buckets.
- 24 Q. Okay. Turning back to Paragraph 22,
- 25 romanette iv refers to (as read) "Leadenhall's

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- 1 instance on retaining Saiph specifically...in spite of
- 2 Plaintiffs' objections."
- 3 Do you see that?
- 4 A. Absolutely (perusing).
- 5 Q. Okay. Mr. Kosinksi was previously the COO
- 6 of Suttonpark, right?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- 8 Q. Presumably he would have a good
- 9 understanding of how Suttonpark tracks receivables and
- 10 assets in MPFin?
- 11 A. Yes, sir.
- 2 Q. Okay. Wouldn't it be logical for Leadenhall
- 13 to hire someone with an understanding of MPFin works?
- 14 A. Yes, it is logical for Leadenhall to want to
- 15 use a former employee that may have familiarity with
- 16 the system.
- 17 Q. And Leadenhall is not the only creditor to
- 18 do that, right? Northwestern Mutual did that too?
- 19 A. Yes, sir. But, again, we're not in a -- we
- 20 as debtor -- not bankruptcy debtor, but just as
- 21 company, we're not in a litigation with Northwestern
- 22 Mutual. And, I mean, the more I think about it -- I
- 23 mean, Kosinksi may end up being a witness in the New
- 24 York litigation because he was there. I know he left
- 25 before the time of those events, but there's going to

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1 be information about the system. It -- it was a bad

- 2 idea. And -- and people were -- you know, the -- the
- 3 team -- you know, everybody was concerned about it.
- Q. Do you have a view as to whether the outcomeof the collateral audit would have been unfavorable to
- 6 Suttonpark?
- 7 A. Yeah. I mean, I don't know.
- B Q. Mr. Shapiro testified yesterday that there's
- 9 at least \$100 million collateral shortfall at
- 10 Suttonpark alone. Did you hear that testimony?
- 11 A. Yeah, yeah, sure.
- 12 Q. Do you agree with that?
- 13 A. Yeah. I mean, I -- I -- I had the -- when
- 14 we were in mediation meetings in New York, we had the
- 15 loan balance and the collateral numbers at that time.
- 16 And I don't remember if it was 100 million, but there
- 17 was definitely a shortfall.
- 18 Q. Significant shortfall, right?
- 19 A. Yeah, absolutely.
- 20 Q. And -- and prior to B. Riley's involvement,
- 21 the plaintiff entities here had refused to let the
- 22 collateral audit occur, correct?
- 23 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I mean, I'm -- I'm going to
- 25 accept what you say. I don't -- I didn't -- I
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- 1 didn't go back and review when they asked to get
- 2 in and they weren't -- I mean, I think there's
- 3 some allegations in the complaint about it, but I
- 4 know there was -- there was -- they were
- 5 frustrated.
- 6 BY MR. STARR:
- 7 Q. So if the collateral audit were allowed to
- 8 proceed, then the extent of the shortfall would be
- 9 revealed, right? I mean, that's -- that was the
- 10 purpose of the collateral audit, right?
- 11 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 12 THE WITNESS: Yeah. And I think Mr. -- I
- 13 think Mr. Howard actually has -- had
- 14 communications with Leadenhall with -- with the --
- 15 about the portfolio.
- 16 BY MR. STARR:
- 17 Q. So the fact that Leadenhall wanted to use
- 18 Saiph and Kosinksi, who was familiar with the MPFin
- 19 system, is logical, correct?
- 20 A. Well, I -- I'm not sure it's logical. I --
- 21 I like what I said before is it -- it's understandable
- 22 that Leadenhall would want to use somebody
- 23 knowledgeable about the system. I mean, in fact,
- 24 because there's -- because there's litigation, maybe
- 25 it would be -- it -- it -- you're creating more

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  1 possibility for conflicts, so. But that wouldn't
- 2 be -- I mean, they're not -- Leadenhall is not a law
- 3 firm, so they wouldn't've -- you know, it -- it's -- I
- 4 understand why they wanted to do it. Let's just leave
- 5 it at that.
- 6 Q. Okay.
- 7 A. I don't like the word logic because it's --
- 8 who knows.
- 9 Q. And plaintiffs objected to that, objected to10 Saiph's retention, correct?
- 11 A. Plaintiff -- yeah. Well, ultimately, no.
- 12 But there was a lot of consternation internally and I
- 13 think there's another difference that I -- I -- that
- 14 you asked me about that I -- I don't think has been
- 15 lasered in on it. The -- my recollection is the New
- 16 York lawsuit was filed around the time we got involved
- 17 in the case in 2024. The prior work that they -- that
- 18 they were trying to do was prior to that. So like
- 19 once there's a lawsuit, I think things change in -- in
- 20 hindsight.
- 21 Q. Well, the objections to using Saiph were
- 22 made prior to the filing of the lawsuit, right?
- 23 A. Not by us.
- 24 Q. No, by legacy employees, right?
- 25 A. Yeah.

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- 1 Q. And then post lawsuit, B. Riley comes in and
- 2 says, no, you have to let them --
- 3 A. Well --
- 4 Q. -- have access, right?
- 5 A. But in -- in hindsight, what I'm saying is
- 6 that it -- maybe the heightened level -- because of
- 7 the lawsuit, maybe the objection to Saiph should have
- 8 been heightened. Not -- again, we were trying to
- 9 collaborate in particular, you know, with
- 10 Mr. Schwartz. We wanted to move on and get this
- 11 moving. So -- so -- so I understand. Yeah, I -- I
- 12 know what happened.
- 13 Q. Okay. So -- so why does Leadenhall's
- 14 insistence on retaining Saiph lend support to the idea
- 15 that Leadenhall directed all this?
- 16 A. Well, because it's like they have -- and I
- 17 don't know who's advising Leadenhall. Like I don't
- 18 think they have a financial advisor advising them
- 19 every day. But like -- it's like, hey, these guys are
- 20 pushing back on Saiph. You know what? You guys pick.
- 21 You can have CBIZ, Ernst & Young, or Deloitte. You
- 22 pick. We'll -- you know, you pick which one you'll
- 23 let in. It -- it's a -- it's a -- it's a -- strategy
- 24 that -- the fact that they were so adamant that these
- 25 guys had to come in. If they wanted to get in, they

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- 1 should say, oh, we understand that your -- your --
- 2 your team is concerned about he's a former employee
- 3 and this guy's a -- this guy was a former tech guy
- 4 there. Maybe, you know, there's some bad blood. You
- 5 know what? CBIZ, RSM, Grant Thornton. They all have
- 6 people that know these systems. Okay? Or similar
- 7 systems. The fact that they insisted on them, I
- 8 think, is a factor to be considered.
- 9 Q. Leadenhall at this point alleges its owed 10 \$600 million, right?
- 11 A. Well, as we discussed, that includes the --
- 12 that gives no credit to the actual collateral.
- 13 Q. Okay. But Leadenhall is alleging a
- 14 fraudulent conspiracy pursuant to which they would
- 15 seek to recover \$1.8 billion, right? And this is
- 16 after maybe a year of noncooperation between --
- 17 noncooperation with respect to the collateral audit on
- 18 the part of 777, right?
- 19 A. Yes, sir. And with us, it's, you know, 7,
- 20 8 weeks in we're...
- 21 A better strategy on their part would have
- 22 been, hey, you know what? You guys -- here's three
- 23 names. Let's agree. This is a good list. Go. But
- 24 that didn't happen. We could have suggested that. We
- 25 just didn't want to fight about it anymore.
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- Q. Plaintiffs did not object to Leadenhall
- 2 using Saiph on the basis that Saiph would steal
- 3 information for Leadenhall, right?
- 4 A. We did not. Well, I don't think anyone
- 5 thought that would happen, but...
- 6 Q. The objections were based on the claim that
- 7 Saiph was a competitor, correct?
- 8 A. And also former employee and -- and they
- 9 worked there and there's a lawsuit going on and, you
- 10 know, I think it's all those things. I mean, again, I
- 11 don't remember all the conversations. Mark would have
- 12 been -- Mark and Jim Howard would have been around the
- 13 table more often at that time because of my role.
- 14 Q. So you refer here in your declaration to
- 15 "the agency relationship between Leadenhall and Saiph,
- 16 Kosinksi, and Davis."
- 17 Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes, sir (perusing).
- 19 Q. Could you explain that to me?
- 20 A. I think I've referred to that a couple times
- 21 today. It's Leadenhall is at the top of the hill.
- 22 Then Saiph, then Saiph is Kosinksi or Kosinksi works
- 23 for Saiph, and then Davis. I mean, they're all
- 24 working for Leadenhall. Leadenhall is -- is the one
- 25 that controls their contractors.

- Page 152 Q. Have you reviewed a contract between
- 2 Leadenhall and Saiph?
- 3 A. I have not. I think it's attached to one of
- 4 the motions.
- 5 Q. You haven't reviewed it though?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Okay. Do you have an understanding of the
- 8 scope of any agency relationship between Leadenhall
- 9 and Saiph?
- 10 A. No. I'm using the word "agency," small A.
- 11 Q. Have you reviewed a contract between Saiph
- 12 and Davis's company?
- 13 A. I have not. I also -- I think -- I think
- 14 I -- that's also included in one of papers. I -- I
- 15 may have -- I may have looked at that one. I mean, I
- 16 just don't remember it.
- 17 Q. Would you agree that the scope of work and
- 18 scope of a contract is important in determining the
- 19 scope of the agency relationship?
- A. That might be a legal question.
- 21 Q. Are you aware of any direct communication
- 22 whatsoever between Leadenhall and Davis?
- 23 A No.
- 24 Q. Are you aware of any evidence whatsoever
- 25 that Leadenhall authorized Mr. Davis to act on its

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- 1 behalf at all?
- A. Well, I'm assuming that Davis -- not -- not
- 3 on the intrusion, but I'm assuming that Davis acted on
- 4 behalf of Leadenhall in the audit. Because Davis --
- 5 just the way -- because -- I mean, just the way Saiph
- 6 and Kosinksi did.
- 7 Q. What is the basis for that assumption
- 8 that -- that Davis worked for Leadenhall on the audit?
- 9 A. Well, Davis worked for Saiph and Saiph
- 10 worked for Leadenhall.
- 11 Q. How many employees does B. Riley have?
- 12 A. 1,200
- 13 Q. There are some who do not work on this
- 14 matter, right?
- 15 A. Most.
- 16 Q. Would you agree that then they're not agents
- 17 of 777?
- 18 A. I agree with that.
- 19 Q. Okay. So do you know what work Davis --
- 20 A. Say that question again. Because maybe I
- 21 answered the wrong -- say -- you -- I thought you
- 22 asked me -- say the question -- the original question
- 23 again because I thought it was straightforward, but
- 24 maybe it's not.
- 25 Q. The question about B. Riley or the question

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1 about --

2 A. No. Before that you asked me did Davis work

- 3 for Leadenhall and I said yes.
- 4 Q. I asked you whether you had any evidence
- 5 that Leadenhall authorized Mr. Davis to act on its
- 6 behalf at all. And I think --
- 7 A. Through -- through Saiph, I believe I said 8 yes.
- 9 Q. I -- I think your testimony -- we could read
- 10 it back. But I think what you -- tell me if I'm
- 11 wrong, but I think what you said is that you assumed
- 12 that, you know, through Saiph Davis was working on the
- 13 Leadenhall collateral audit?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. Okay. And then I asked: Why do you assume?
- 16 What's the basis for your assumption that Davis worked
- 17 on the Leadenhall collateral audit?
- 18 A. Okay. It's not exactly how I understand it.
- 19 That's helpful.
- 20 Q. Well, just to -- just to play it out a
- 21 little bit more.
- 22 So the reason I asked you about B. Riley
- 23 employees who don't work on this engagement, you --
- 24 you get the point is that --
- 25 A. Yeah, sure.

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- Q. -- if there's an employee or a subcontractor
- 2 who has -- works on another matter, not the matter
- 3 that's at issue --
- 4 A. Right.
- 5 Q. -- then that -- what I'm asking is: Do you
- 6 still consider that person to be an agent with respect
- 7 to the particular principal at issue?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. But I don't -- I don't think that's
- 11 analogous to this situation. So the way I saw it is
- 12 that Leadenhall hires Saiph. Saiph hires Davis on the
- 13 Leadenhall collateral audit. I think it's referred to
- 14 on some of the correspondence. Look, I don't think
- 15 there's a -- I didn't realize that there's a dispute
- 16 as to whether Davis was working on the Leadenhall
- 17 collateral audit. It sounds like maybe there is.
- 18 Q. Precisely what I'm trying to ask you is
- 19 whether you have -- I'm asking for your basis that
- 20 Saiph hired Davis for the purpose of working on the
- 21 Leadenhall collateral audit.
- 22 A. Oh. I mean, we can get his contractor
- 23 agreement out, but I assume that the -- that -- I
- 24 mean, it just -- it -- maybe it's so obvious that I
- 25 shouldn't be assuming it. But I know that Saiph was

Page 156 1 retained by -- Saiph was retained by Leadenhall and I

- 2 know Davis was working for Saiph as a contractor and
- 2 International materials of calphias a contractor a
- 3 he was -- they were doing the collateral audit of the
- 4 Leadenhall collateral, so Davis was working on that
- 5 project.6 Q. Do you know how many clients Saiph
- 7 Consulting has?
- 8 A. No. We know that there's only one other
- 9 client here, which was Northwestern Mutual.
- 10 Q. Well, you're only aware of one client -- one
- 11 other client, right?
- 12 A. That they're working on here. If -- if
- 13 Saiph was working on other audits at Suttonpark, we
- 14 would know that. And by the way, he was there.
- 15 There's pictures of Davis at Suttonpark. People know
- 16 he was there. So of course he was working on the --
- 17 on these audits. It's not analogous to the B. Riley
- 18 example.
- 19 Q. Are you referring to the break in?
- 20 A. Yeah. I mean, he was working on it. He was 21 there.
- 22 Q. He was -- you're referring to the break in?
- 23 A. Which is everything. I mean, Jim Howard,
- 24 everybody. Davis was involved in this -- in the
- 25 audit. Maybe I'm misunderstanding you, but my
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- 1 understanding from all the people that I connected to
- 2 in this case, that there's no question that Noah Davis
- 3 was working on -- he was a contractor for Saiph
- 4 working on the collateral audit. I -- I -- I thought
- 5 that was -- that's my understanding.
- 6 Q. Have you reviewed Mr. Kosinksi's declaration
- 7 in this matter?
- 8 A. I perused it.
- 9 Q. Okay. I can print this out for you, but...
  - A. Please.

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- 11 Q. Why don't I just -- should I print it out?
- 12 A. Yeah, sure.
- 13 Q. Okay.
  - MR. STARR: Let's go off the record.
- 15 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Sure. Going off the
- 16 record. The time is now 12:21.
  - (A recess was taken.)
- 18 (Ratner Exhibit 4 was marked for
- 19 identification.)
- 20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We're back on the
- 21 record. The time is 12:36.
- 22 BY MR. STARR:
- 23 Q. Okay. Mr. Shapiro [sic], you've been handed
- 24 a document marked as Shapiro -- excuse me, Ratner. I
- 25 keep doing this.

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1 Mr. Ratner, this is Ratner Exhibit 4.

- 2 A. (Perusing.)
- 3 Q. This is the declaration of Paul Kosinksi
- 4 submitted in this case.
- 5 Have you seen this document before?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you review it to prepare for today's
- 8 deposition?
- 9 A. I did not. I perused it. I did not read it
- 10 the way I usually read everything. I just -- I...
- 11 Q. Okay.
- 12 A. I just -- I definitely recognize it.
- 13 Q. So the portion of this declaration that I
- 14 wanted to direct you to is -- begins at Paragraph 24.
- 15 A. Just give me -- I'll go very quickly. Just
- 16 give me 2 minutes to -- to just absorb where -- you
- 17 know, what's in it.
- 18 Q. Sure. Do you want --
- 19 MR. STARR: Let's go back off.
- 20 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Sure.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Well, I -- okay.
- 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record.
- 23 The time is 12:37.
- 24 (There was a brief pause in the
- 25 proceedings.)

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- 1 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: We're back on the record
- 2 at 12:40.
- 3 BY MR. STARR:
- 4 Q. Mr. -- Mr. Ratner, are you looking at
- 5 Paragraph 26 of the Kosinksi declaration?
- A. I am now (perusing).
- 7 Q. Okay. And there he says that (as read)
- 8 "Mr. Davis's sole role with respect to any and all 777
- 9 collateral audits was to troubleshoot the access that
- 10 777 provided for the NML," that's Northwestern Mutual
- 11 Life "audit, and to begin targeting" -- excuse me,
- 12 "the targeted data extraction tool for Saiph's use in
- 13 obtaining the Northwestern Mutual records."
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. Yes (perusing).
- 16 Q. Okay. According to Mr. Kosinksi, his sworn
- 17 testimony, Mr. Davis did not perform work on the
- 18 Leadenhall collateral audit, correct?
- 19 A. That's what he says.
- 20 Q. Okay. Are you aware of any facts that
- 21 contradict Mr. Kosinksi's sworn statement?
- 22 A. Yeah, I don't -- I don't know.
- 23 Q. Okay. I think earlier you testified that
- 24 your understanding from people you spoke to about this
- 25 case was that Mr. Davis was working on the Leadenhall

1 collateral audit?

- A. That he was the tech guy that -- I mean, he
- 3 was -- he came to the company and that he was going to
- 4 work on the audits. I mean, that -- that was my
- 5 understanding.
- Q. And who told you that?
- 7 A. I can't recall.
- 8 Q. Okay. If, as Mr. Kosinksi says, Mr. Davis
- 9 did not work on the Leadenhall collateral audit at
- 10 all --
- 11 A. Mm-hmm.
- 12 Q. -- would that alter your conclusion about
- 13 Leadenhall's responsibility for the intrusions?
  - 14 A. I don't think so.
  - 15 Q. Why not?
  - 16 A. Well, because they hired Saiph and Saiph
- 17 hired -- I mean, he -- he -- I -- I don't -- I mean, I
- 18 don't know -- first of all, I don't know if -- if
- 19 this -- I -- I mean, this is what he knows.
- 20 But -- but Leadenhall hired Saiph and Saiph hired Noah
- 21 Davis and Noah Davis was involved in the data
- 22 intrusion. So it's -- it -- I guess -- I -- I don't
- 23 know that it matters that he was not active or maybe
- 24 he was active. The data intrusion occurred. And I
- 25 don't think there's any question that Davis did the

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- 1 data incru- -- data intrusion. And -- and -- yeah. I
- 2 mean, I -- I -- he's still working for -- he's working
- 3 for Saiph and Saiph is working for Leadenhall. We --
- 4 that's part of the reason that you have discovery
- 5 because you've got to find out what was -- what was
- 6 going on between the parties.
- Q. I understand. My question was if what
- 8 Mr. Kosinksi says is true, then would that alter your
- 9 conclusion?
- 10 A. No, not today.
- 11 Q. Okay. So we have 14 days left in discovery,
- 12 so I am trying to ascertain -- this is what discovery
- 13 is for, is to ascertain the basis of your belief for
- 14 naming Leadenhall in this lawsuit. So you say it
- 15 won't alter your conclusion if he were not acting --
- 16 if he were not working on the collateral audit?
- 17 A. But what...
- 18 MR. STARR: I'll withdraw that.
- 19 BY MR. STARR:
- 20 Q. Is your testimony that it would not alter
- 21 your conclusion that Davis is Leadenhall's agent, if,
- 22 in fact, Davis is not -- was not working on
- 23 Leadenhall's collateral audit?
- 24 A. Well, if he -- if -- if there's other
- 25 information that shows that there was a data intrusion



Page 162 1 and Leadenhall got access to the data, it wouldn't

2 matter.

Q. Is there -- is there evidence that

#### 4 Leadenhall got access to the data?

- A. Well, that's exactly to your point. That's
- 6 why there's discovery. You're asking me to make an
- 7 opinion based on a hypothetical and I'm like I don't
- 8 know. Which is what I said before, I don't know.
- Q. 777 Partners hired B. Riley, correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Is a B. Riley IT guy sitting in 11
- 12 Dallas an agent of 777 Partners now?
- 13 A. No.
- 14 Q. Well, 777 Partners hired B. Riley, B. Riley
- 15 hired the IT guy, right?
- A. Yeah, but if he had an intrusion in the data
- 17 that -- in your example that was related to what we're
- 18 working on, then he -- then he'd have some
- 19 responsibility. We'd have -- we'd have -- we'd
- 20 have -- we would have responsibility. Whether I asked
- 21 him to do it or not, I'd have some responsibility.
- 22 I -- I -- I don't know.
- 23 Q. And why is that, like a negligent hiring

Q. Okay. If he -- if he killed his

A. Well, no, because that's not part of the --

3 wife, would you have responsibility for that?

5 that's outside of the day-to-day. But if he was

8 going to look to B. Riley and say this was your

A. Again, this is legal. Like I -- I don't

14 and I -- I believe that -- again, I'm not saying that

15 Mr. Kosinksi is not being fully accurate, but he was

Q. Which audit was he involved in?

23 What did they say? Data extraction, soft- -- data

24 extraction -- what did they say here (perusing)?

A. He was for sure -- for sure involved in

A. But he was working on other things there.

Yeah, of course. He's saying he did not use

16 involved in the audit, Mr. Davis, and he did have a --

17 there was a data incursion. And we don't know what -

13 this -- the agency concept, to me, is a small A and --

12 want to waste all your time with all this. But

6 working for us and along the way blew up King &

7 Spalding's computers, King & -- King & Spalding is

24 theory?

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25 A. No. It's he's your agent. He's on your

1 behalf. He -- he -- I mean, he -- he...

9 contractor. You've got to fix this.

Q. Mm-hmm.

20 Northwestern Mutual.

Q. Yes.

Page 164 1 or review or know. He didn't know. He's saying he

- 2 didn't know about any 77 [sic] records that were
- 3 obtained unlawfully or otherwise by Noah Davis.
- 4 That's fine. He didn't know that. But if it
- 5 happened -- if it happened, whether he knew or not,
- 6 may not matter. Whether Saiph knew or not, didn't --
  - 7 I mean --
  - Q. No.
- 9 A. This doesn't tell me it didn't happen.
- 10 Q. Are you aware --
- A. He just says whether he knew -- whether --11
- 12 he -- he's just saying he doesn't know. That's all
- 13 he's saying. He doesn't know.
- 14 Q. I'm not asking about the intrusions. I'm
- 15 asking your basis -- I'm asking for the basis for your
- 16 statement that Noah Davis is Leadenhall's agent.
- 17 A. That's -- I've given you my understanding of
- 18 that.
- 19 Q. It's that Leadenhall hired Saiph and Saiph
- 20 contracted with Mr. Davis?
- 21 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. Turning back to your declaration, 22
- 23 Mr. Ratner, Paragraph 22.
- 24 A. (Complying.)
- 25 MR. PELLEGRINO: Exhibit 3?

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MR. STARR: Yes.

2 BY MR. STARR: Q. The final factor cited there, romanette vi,

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- 4 is "Saiph's inadvertent acknowledgement of
- 5 Leadenhall's relationship to these incursions."
- Do you see that? 6
- 7 A. Yes (perusing).
- Q. What does that mean?
- A. I think that that is referring to some
- 10 correspondence where Leadenhall was in the -- in the
- 11 re line about correspondence relating to these data
- 12 incursion. And then whether that was significant or
- 13 not and a correction was made. I mean, that's my
- 14 understanding of it.
- Q. Well, you're the one citing it as a factor. 15
- 16 Was it significant in your analysis?
- A. Well, yes. 17
- 18 Q. Why?
- 19 A. Because why -- why did you have to correct
- 20 it? I mean, if it -- if it was no big deal, it was
- 21 just, oh, well, it -- it's about the Leadenhall,
- 22 we're -- we're in the Leadenhall audit, right? So
- 23 that's my recollection. I mean, this was a long time
- 24 ago, but that's my recollection about it. There
- 25 was -- like I -- I didn't -- that's my recollection.

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Page 166 Q. And you say you -- you (as read) "believe

2 that it is clear based on these factors that the

- 3 actions of Davis were known to and directed by
- 4 Leadenhall for its benefit," right?
- 5 A. Based on all these factors and I think also
- 6 the -- you know, the -- it's been flushed out a little
- 7 more in the answers to the interrogatories. But these
- 8 are the things that at the time, at the time, based on
- 9 what I knew at the time, this is what I wrote.
- 10 Q. And you think a -- the inclusion of the word
- 11 Leadenhall in a re line makes it clear that the
- 12 actions of Davis were directed by Leadenhall?
- 13 A. That's not for the -- the last sentence is a
- 14 summary for everything above that. Saiph's
- 15 inadvertent -- that's just one factor. I believe that
- 16 it's clear that that's based on everything above 17 that.
- 18 Q. Are you aware that Leadenhall asked Saiph to
- 19 notify 777 when it found out about the alleged
- 20 physical intrusion, break in?
- 21 A. I -- yes, I believe I read that.
- 22 Q. Would that explain why Leadenhall was
- 23 referenced in the subject line initially?
- 24 A. Possibly.
- 25 Q. It could, right?

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- 1 A. Possibly.
- 2 Q. Okay. Is there anything else, other than
- 3 these factors, that you rely on to point the finger at
- 4 Leadenhall?
- 5 A. I think it's these and I -- you know, I -- I
- 6 refer to the interrogatory a couple times. It may be
- 7 a little further flushed out there. The modifications
- 8 to the complaint are not referred to here. The
- 9 discovery that was going on at the time is not
- 10 referred to here. And, I mean, there may be some
- 11 other things identified in the interrog- --
- 12 interrogatory, but, I mean...
- 13 Q. Did you provide input to that interrogatory?
- 14 A. I did not.
- 15 Q. Okay. If an -- if an employer failed to pay
- 16 an employee a bonus that the employee felt entitled
- 17 to, would you describe that as a payment dispute?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Did you know that Mr. Davis was not paid a
- 20 bonus in the spring of 2024?
- A. I didn't know that, but the company had lost
- 22 a ton of money. When we got there, there were a lot
- 23 of people that were expecting bonuses and we -- we
- 24 were -- like the company's losing money. So I guess
- 25 he left -- he left before we got there. Because when

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- 1 he got there, that -- the bonus issue was floating
- 2 around. We did not pay bonuses.
- 3 Q. What about if a -- if an employee asked for
- 4 a raise and had their raised refused, would that
- 5 qualify as an employ -- as a -- as a payment dispute?
  - A. Probably not.
- 7 Q. Why not?
- 8 A. Well, pay- -- a payment dispute is, hey, I
- 9 think I earned that bonus, here's the amount that I
- 10 should get, and you didn't pay it to me. The not
- 11 getting a raise, I would call that not a payment
- 12 dispute, that might be an employment dispute. That
- 13 might be, hey, I don't like how you're treating me. I
- 14 think I'm due for a raise. Payment dispute is, hey, I
- 15 think you owe me money and you're not paying me.
- 16 Q. Okay. I'm sorry, Mr. Ratner, I left one
- 17 out.
- 18 A. Oh, that's fine. There's no rush. I'm here
- 19 for you.
- 20 Q. Thank you.
- 21 A. There's no rush.
- 22 Q. The -- I left one of the factors in --
- 23 mentioned in Paragraph 22 out of our discussion and
- 24 then I started trying to make you articulate every
- 25 factor that we had discussed.

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- 1 So could you go back to your declaration in
  - 2 Florida, Exhibit 3, and back to Paragraph 22?
  - 3 A. Yes, sir (complying).
  - 4 Q. So you cite -- the first -- the very first
  - 5 factor you cite is "Leadenhall's aggressive actions
  - 6 and litigation tactics against Plaintiffs," right?
  - A. Yes (perusing).
  - 8 Q. Okay. What about Leadenhall's litigation
  - 9 tactics have been aggressive in your view?
  - 10 A. I mean, I could point to a couple of things
  - 11 that are my opinion. When -- when we were
  - 12 negotiating -- again, there's a lot of -- there's a
  - 13 lot of terrific -- there's a lot of terrific
  - 14 litigators around the table and that sometimes could
  - 15 be perceived as aggressive. They're doing their job,
  - 16 right?
  - 17 But when we were -- when we were negotiating
  - 18 and we put together this kind of liquidating plan
  - 19 idea, you know, some of the comebacks were outrageous.
  - 20 It was like, okay, so you have an unsecured litigation
  - 21 claim that you might get a judgment for. But when we
  - 22 were putting together this liquidating model, they
  - 23 wanted to get all of their money first before anybody
  - 24 else that had it -- may have had a secured claim.
  - 25 That was -- I mean, that's so aggressive.



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The other was when we went through this, we

- 2 put together the -- this little model. And then when
- 3 the edit come back, even though BIH is not referred to
- 4 specifically in the complaint, they put in like the
- 5 100 percent repayment of BIH in there, which is not
- 6 even -- you know, there -- there may be no fraud
- 7 associated with the BIH loss. That's just bad
- 8 business. You know, the -- the -- the reinsurance
- 9 didn't work out.
- 10 So it was very aggressive because, from my
- 11 perspective, I was involved in that. And there was a
- 12 real desire to find a middle ground.
- 13 The second thing is we -- we had a call to
- 14 try to get back to the table directly with the
- 15 principals. And, I mean, we get hired in May. We
- 16 have a good reputation of solving -- you know, getting
- 17 people -- you know, you're not getting -- you can't
- 18 get it all, they can't get it all. Let's, you know.
- 19 I mean, we get on the call. I mean, this guy just
- 20 tears my head off. And I'm like that's -- that's not
- 21 going to -- we're not going to get to a carving up the
- 22 assets through that type of approach.
- 23 But -- and I think also there was a view
- 24 that Mark described yesterday that was very much held
- 25 by the principals of 777, that at the time there was a

1 lot going on in the football assets and Everton and

2 different -- different things going on and the -- the

5 affect on, you know, a lot of assets. But, I mean, I 6 understand that. I mean, that -- that's a view. That

7 would be a factor that I might point to as being

9 describing that. So I think those are kind of the

Q. So generally, you know, you articulated

16 tough negotiating tactics at settlement table; is that

A. Like, I mean, even if you win. So you got

21 an unsecured litigation claim. We file bankruptcy.

22 It's going to be terrible. The recovery is going to

24 Like we want to -- you got to get -- you got to get a

23 be terrible. So it's like -- it's just not realistic.

25 little more realistic and -- and -- and that was

8 aggressive. And I think Mark did a nice job

Q. Okay. Sorry, anything else?

A. Just kind of generally.

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10 things I was referring to.

A. You know.

Q. Okay.

17 right, the first one?

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3 litigation -- filing the litigation at that time was4 extremely aggressive because it did have a chilling

- Page 172 1 something that I -- that I took away from that.
- 2 Q. Well, do you think taking an unrealistic, to
- 3 use your term, position in settlement talks is
- 4 suggestive of a heightened propensity to commit
- 5 criminal activity --
- A. No, but --
- 7 Q. -- to obtain information?
- 8 A. -- there's a lot of animus. I mean, this
- 9 is -- there's a lot of animus. And I'm not saying
- 10 it's not warranted. I'm just saying there's a --
- 11 there's -- there may be the more higher level of
- 12 animus than you might find between two corporate
- 13 litigants. I mean, from what I could tell, remember
- 14 I -- I -- I'm not as plugged in today. But at the
- 15 time in the -- in the first couple of months, that was
- 16 my sense.

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- 17 Q. Is the level of animus such that 777
- 18 Partners might file a retaliatory lawsuit against
- 19 Leadenhall without any factual basis?
- A. Not from our perspective.
  - Q. Okay.
- 22 A. I mean, this is -- we -- we have an
- 23 obligation. It -- it -- if this is happened in
- 24 a different direction and we didn't file this suit,
- 25 you guys would -- Leadenhall would be yelling "what

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1 are you guys doing?", in my opinion.

- Q. What about if 777 Partners was owed over
- 3 \$600 million from Leadenhall and hadn't received even
- 4 a fraction of that amount despite repeated promises,
- 5 would -- would it be reasonable for 777 Partners to
- 6 file suit?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. Oh, I don't -- I don't -- as I discussed
- 10 with you, I don't -- I'm -- you -- you have a -- you
- 11 have claims, you filed a lawsuit. I mean, I don't
- 12 think it's 600 million. That number is exaggerated
- 13 because it ignores the payments that have come in
- 14 since then and the -- the collateral base. So by
- 15 throwing around that number, you also create a sense
- 16 of -- of -- it's going to be harder to get to the real17 number.
- 18 Q. And you mentioned earlier the timing of the
- 19 filing of the lawsuit as potentially aggressive; is
- 20 that right?
- 21 A. I mean, I think Mark described it. He's a
- 22 little more tuned into the value of the businesses and
- 23 he's -- he was -- there was a big decline in value
- 24 around that. It created a whole snowball effect. All
- 25 the counterparties wouldn't finish what they were

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1 doing and, you know, made it harder to sell assets and

- 2 analyze businesses and counter -- you know, and the
- 3 counterparties transacting with the company.
- Q. How long should a creditor who's owed
- 5 hundreds of millions of dollars to wait, in your view,
- 6 to file suit?
- A. I'm not an expert in that.
- Q. Are you aware that Leadenhall tried to
- 9 negotiate a forbearance agreement with 777 for
- 10 18 months or so?
- A. I'm -- I don't know about 18 months, but I'm
- 12 aware there'd been some negotiations.
- 13 Q. Are you aware that Josh Wander told
- 14 Leadenhall 777 couldn't even pay 15 misdemeanor of the
- 15 debt it owed?
- 16 A. I've seen that testimony or I've seen that 17 quote.
- 18 Q. Yeah.
- 19 I'm just -- I guess what I'm trying to ask
- 20 is: At what point is it reasonable and not aggressive
- 21 to file a lawsuit on your legitimate claims?
- 22 A. I don't know.
- 23 Q. Okay. Mr. Ratner, do you have any factual
- 24 basis to conclude that Leadenhall has benefitted in
- 25 any way from Mr. Davis's alleged intrusions?

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- 1 A. I -- I don't know.
- 2 Q. So you don't have any factual basis to
- 3 conclude that Leadenhall has derived a benefit?
- A. Well, we -- I don't know what they -- they 5 got from the intrusion.
- 6 Q. And you don't know if they got anything, 7 correct?
- A. Well, I know they -- they got something and 9 then there was some deletions and erase -- and
- 10 erasing, but I -- I don't know if they got any 11 information.
- 12 Q. I'm sorry, you know that Leadenhall got 13 something?
- 14 No, I said I don't know.
- 15 Q. You said "they got something" --
- 16 A. No, I mean they, the intrusion, downloaded.
- 17 Q. Oh, okay.
- 18 A. But I don't know -- I said twice, I don't
- 19 know what Leadenhall got.
- 20 Q. I -- I -- I'm sorry. I thought you were --
- 21 I thought the "they" was referring to Leadenhall.
- 22 A. The "they" was the intruders.
- 23 Q. I see.
- 24 Or intruder singular?
- 25 A. Intruder singular.

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- Q. Okay. Plaintiffs also allege there was a
- 2 physical break-in at the Suttonpark offices. Are you
- 3 familiar with that?
- A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Have you seen the police report filed in
- 6 that case?
- 7 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Are you aware that the police report says
- 9 Mr. Davis accessed the building using an old key fob 10 of his?
- A. Yes, sir. 11
- 12 Q. You don't contend, do you, that Leadenhall
- 13 facilitated Mr. Davis's break-in?
- A. I -- I don't think that's an allegation.
- 15 Q. Plaintiffs allege that Mr. Davis stole
- 16 several laptops while he was inside the office
- 17 building, right?
- 18 A. Yes, sir.
- 19 Q. Do you know whose laptops those were, which
- 20 individual employees?
- 21 A. I do not.
- Q. Do you know anything about what information 22
- 23 was on those information?
- 24 A. I do not.
- 25 Q. You're not aware of any evidence that

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- 1 Leadenhall has or ever had possession of the laptops
- 2 that Davis took, are you?
- 3 A. I'm not.
- 4 Q. Okay.

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- 5 MR. STARR: I may still have a couple more
- 6 questions, but I do want to give Mr. Morlan a
- 7 chance to pose some questions before we lose you,
  - so why don't I suspend the examination for now.
- 9 And, Mr. Morlan, do you want to -- do you
- 10 have questions you'd like to pose?
- MR. MORLAN: Sure. 11
- 12 MR. STARR: Thank you, Mr. Ratner.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Thank you.
- CROSS-EXAMINATION 14
- 15 BY MR. MORLAN:
- Q. Mr. Ratner, my name's Hal Morlan. I
- 17 represent Saiph Consulting LLC and Paul Kosinksi.
- 18 It's about 1 o'clock right now. We have a
- 19 limited amount of time. I understand that you need to
- 20 leave at 2 o'clock to catch a flight; is that right?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Okay. Well, I'm going to try to get as much
- 23 done as I can right now. I -- I don't want to rehash
- 24 too much of what we've gone through, but there are
- 25 some things that, you know, I -- I want to confirm and

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1 just clarify and make sure that I understand your

- 2 testimony and your position accurately; is that fair 3 enough?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Okay. And it -- it's important to you that
- 6 I, and whoever the fact finder is, ultimately (Zoom
- 7 interference) your testimony, correct? You agree with
- 8 that?
- 9 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry, I missed
- 10 part of that question.
- 11 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 12 Q. I said it's also important to you that both
- 13 I, the one questioning you, as well as the fact finder
- 14 understands your testimony that you're giving today;
- 15 is that right?
- 16 A. Yes, sir.
- 17 Mr. Morlan, I'm going to look at the --
- 18 not -- I'm not -- I'm going to look at you on my --
- 19 you're coming in in two places. I'm going to look at
- 20 you on my screen instead of up here because
- 21 it's making me dizzy. It's making me dizzy.
- 22 Q. Okay. Whatever -- whatever works for you.
- 23 THE WITNESS: Does he see me?
- 24 MR. MORLAN: I'll move my screen over here
- 25 too so I'm -- it looks more like I'm looking at

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- 1 a document I shared and that we're going to designate
- 2 Exhibit B for purposes of this deposition; is that
- 3 right?
- 4 A. Yes, sir (perusing).
- 5 Q. Okay. And I will represent to you that this
- 6 is a production log of documents that were produced in
- 7 connection with this litigation. Does that look like
- 8 what it is to you?
- A. Yes, sir (perusing).
- 10 Q. Okay. You've seen production logs before,
- 11 correct?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Okay. And the controlled number column on
- 14 the left, you recognize those as Bates labels?
- 15 A. Yes, sir (perusing).
- 16 Q. Okay. So I believe earlier you testified
- 17 that you had a folder that you had some documents
- 18 related to this litigation in; is that right?
- 19 A. Yes, sir.
- 20 Q. Okay. And that folder was on your computer?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Okay. Was it in Outlook?
- 23 A. Yes, sir.
- 24 Q. Okay. And the documents that you referred
- 25 to as being in that folder, are they all contained on

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- 1 you.
- 2 THE WITNESS: He sees me?
- 3 MR. STARR: He sees that.
- 4 MR. PELLEGRINO: He sees -- Do you see
- 5 yourself on the left?
- 6 THE WITNESS: Oh, okay. I'm looking at you.
- 7 Okay.
- 8 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 9 Q. Okay. Have you had a chance to try to open
- 10 up the documents over here in the chat?
- 11 A. No. I will right now if you tell me which
- 12 one to open first.
- 13 Q. Okay.
- 14 MR. MORLAN: Let's go off the record real
- 15 quick while we get these exhibit things worked
- 16 out.
- 17 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. Going off the
- 18 record. The time is 1:08.
- 19 (A recess was taken.)
- 20 (Ratner Exhibit B was marked for
- 21 identification.)
- 22 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Okay. We're back on the
- 23 record. The time is 1:12.
- 24 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 25 Q. Okay. Mr. Ratner, I believe you're viewing

- 1 this list?
- 2 A. Oh, I -- I -- I wouldn't know that
- 3 because --
- 4 Q. Okay.
- 5 A. -- I -- I -- no one's given me the -- there
- 6 was -- I -- I didn't even look in the folder. I gave
- 7 them the folder and there was 50, 60 documents and
- 8 then the -- the legal team did what they did. And I
- 9 don't have a copy of those documents. And I don't
- 10 know what Bates number they are or anything like that.
- 11 Q. Okay. So you just gave them that entire
- 12 folder, you didn't look at the documents that were
- 13 inside of it?
- 14 A. No. Whatever -- I gave it to them.
- 15 Q. Okay. But you were the one who put the
- 16 documents in the folder, correct?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. And you have some familiarity with what you
- 19 put in that folder, correct?
- 20 A. Well, at the time. I haven't -- I haven't
- 21 looked at it since -- it would have been -- during the
- 22 month of September, around then, whatever I would've
- 23 got related to the intrusion, I would have just
- 24 dragged it into that folder at the time.
- 25 Q. Okay. So that -- you haven't added any

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Page 182 1 documents to that folder since September?

- A. Well, I -- I -- I might have, if something
- 3 came in and I thought it related to that.
- 4 Q. Okay.
- A. Again, I gave them the folder because I want
- 6 to comply with the discovery, whatever.
- Q. Okay. And other than the folder, did you 8 provide any other documents?
- A. Just to Mr. Lei (phonetic) -- Jonathan Lee
- 10 in our firm. I was on a call with -- or an e-mail
- 11 with him and Rebecca Hollander.
- 12 MR. PELLEGRINO: I'm just going to warn you
- 13 not to disclose the sum and substance of
- 14 conversations with counsel, your counsel Rebecca
- 15 Hollander.
- 16 THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 17 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 18 Q. Well, let -- let me ask you, Mr. Ratner, I
- 19 want to go back to that question but since there's
- 20 been an invocation of privilege, were you speaking
- 21 with Ms. Hollander for the purpose of seeking legal
- 22 advice?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Okay. Then you can go ahead and answer the
- 25 question.
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- A. I was just telling Mr. Lei or Lee, Jonathan,
- 2 how my e-mails were arranged and I showed them that
- 3 intrusion folder and I showed them that structure.
- 4 And then -- and I might have told it to him because I
- 5 know they had -- at B. Riley there's no desktop.
- 6 Everything in my e-mail is in the B. Riley system. 7 It's not like the old style where you have Outlook,
- 8 some on your -- you know, some in the -- separate from
- 9 the database. Whatever's on my -- that I don't
- 10 delete, it's in the database that they have.
- 11 Q. But you have -- B. Riley uses a document 12 management system?
- A. No. It's Outlook. They could see my
- 14 Outlook every -- like if I send an e-mail or the way I
- 15 organize my files, they -- they have full visibility
- 16 to all that. It's all in the -- in the database
- 17 somewhere.
- Q. Okay. 18
- 19 A. The old -- old Outlook that -- that I used
- 20 to use was different. If you -- if you had something
- 21 on our desktop that you saved in your Outlook, it may
- 22 not be in the database. We don't -- now it's -- it's
- 23 one database.
- 24 Q. Okay. But you don't consider that database
- 25 a document management system?

- Page 184 A. Yeah, I mean, Outlook -- Outlook is a -- I
- 2 guess Outlook is a -- could be viewed as a document
- 3 management. For me it is because I keep track of what
- 4 I'm doing.
- Q. Okay. But is -- is it your understanding
- 6 that -- that you just have regular Outlook or is it
- 7 that you might have a document management software
- 8 that integrates with Outlook?
- A. Oh, I don't know that. I -- I don't know
- 10 what B. Riley has. I think it's -- I'm only aware
- 11 that we use Outlook. I don't know what they're do --
- 12 I don't know what they're using to pull e-mails and
- 13 things like that.
- 14 Q. Okay. Well, is there anything that you're
- 15 aware of that would have been produced in connection
- 16 with your deposition, other than the documents that
- 17 we're talking about that you pulled from the intrusion
- 18 folder?
- 19 A. The only thing I'm aware at -- aware of,
- 20 Mr. Morlan, is that there's a lot of work going on to
- 21 comply with the discovery because earlier in the week
- 22 there was e-mail traffic between counsel and Mark
- 23 Smith -- Mark Shapiro and BakerHostetler. You know,
- 24 they're trying to do the documents.
  - Q. And who is Jonathan Lee again? That's

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- 1 somebody you just mentioned a little while ago.
- A. He -- he's one of the technologists at B.
- 3 Riley that I think is assisting general counsel with
- 4 the document discovery production.
- Q. Okay. And -- and general counsel would be
- 6 Ms. Hollander?
- A. Yes, sir.
- 8 (Ratner Exhibit C was marked for
- 9 identification.)
- 10 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 11 Q. Okay. Let's take a look, please, if you
- 12 would, at Composite Exhibit C.
- 13 A. (Complying.)
- 14 I have it open.
- 15 Q. OKAY. Is that open in a browser window or
- 16 is that opened in a PDF viewer? It looks like a PDF
- 17 viewer.
- A. It's a PDF. 18
- 19 Q. Okay. Can you bring up the bookmark tab?
- 20 Do you know how to do that? It should be -- looks
- 21 like it's to the right.
- 22 A. (Complying.)
- 23 Q. On the screen. The -- the right bar on your
- 24 right side. Maybe scroll up a little bit.
- 25 A. I...

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1 Q. One -- one above what you just clicked.

2 MR. PELLEGRINO: What color is it?

3 BY MR. MORLAN:

- 4 Q. There you go.
- 5 A. Thank you.
- 6 MR. PELLEGRINO: What color is it, Hal?
- 7 MR. MORLAN: I mean, it's black and white.
- 8 You can see it now on -- on his screen. If you
- 9 want -- you have access to the same view of the
- 10 screen.
- 11 MR. PELLEGRINO: The red one.
- 12 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 13 Q. Okay. So I'm showing you what's been marked
- 14 as Composite Exhibit C for purposes of this
- 15 deposition. Do you see that Composite Exhibit C has
- 16 some bookmarks to the right there on your screen?
- 17 A. Yes, sir (perusing).
- 18 Q. Okay. Click on the very first one.
- 19 A. (Complying.)
- 20 Q. Okay. And...
- 21 A. Can you see my screen?
- 22 Q. Yes, I can.
- 23 A. Okay. Okay.
- 24 Q. So for purposes of this exhibit, Composite
- 25 Exhibit C, each sub or composite exhibit is going to

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- Q. So I just want to go through -- we're not
- 2 going to go through every single sub exhibit
- 3 necessarily. But I just wanted to confirm, maybe give
- 4 you a second to look at this. If this looks like the
- 5 materials that you were referring to earlier from the
- 6 Outlook folders that you provided as part of the
- 7 document collection.
- MR. PELLEGRINO: Hal, I just want to clarify
- 9 that -- you said these are all documents that were
- 10 provided in connection with the deposition. I --
- 11 I believe there's like seven productions, right,
- 12 or are you just limiting it to the last
- 13 production.
- 14 MR. MORLAN: We can clarify if you want.
  - I -- I think this is the one that was specifically
  - B. Riley's documents, was it not?
- MR. PELLEGRINO: No. I just wanted to makesure we're -- we were talking about the same
  - thing.

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- 20 MR. MORLAN: I mean, part of the reason
- 21 I'm -- I'm doing this is -- is to ask him. I
- 22 mean, it's possible this may not be the stuff in
  - the final. I just want to nail down what we're
- 24 looking at here.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I mean, I recognize some of

1 be Composite Exhibit C and then whatever number leads

- 2 off here. So the one you're looking at right now is
- 2 of fice. Go the one you're looking at right how
- 3 Composite Exhibit C-1. Does that make sense?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Okay. And if you went down to the one that
- 6 starts with 4. That's Composite Exhibit C-4.
- 7 All right. I'm going to represent to you
- 8 that this Composite Exhibit C is comprised of every
- 9 document on that list that we just looked at, the 10 production log, Exhibit B.
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. Do you have any reason to doubt that? Does
- 13 it -- do you need a second to look at the production
- 14 log?
- 15 A. Absolutely not. I'm -- I have no reason to
- 16 doubt you at all.
- 17 Q. Okay. And I'm also going to represent these
- 18 were all of the exhibits that we received in
- 19 connection with your deposition. Any reason to doubt 20 that?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 MR. MORLAN: And, David, if I'm mistaken on
- 23 that, just let me know. But I -- I believe that's
- 24 what was represented earlier.
- 25 BY MR. MORLAN:

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  the e-mails and the names. But, I mean, I'm not
- 2 on a lot of these e-mails. I don't know if these
- 3 are the ones from my file or these are other
- 4 production, but...
- 5 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 6 Q. Okay.
- A. I mean, the ones that I have in my mailbox
- 8 that I gave to counsel, either they would be addressed
- 9 to me or they would have been forwarded to me by Mark
- 10 Shapiro or somebody, John McCarthy. But I see these a
- 11 lot correspondence with the Jim Howard and Teresa
- 12 Licamora, Leadenhall, Saiph, you know, about the
- 13 audits.
- 14 Q. Okay. So it may be that Production Number 7
- 15 is maybe Mr. Shapiro's documents and yours might be a16 different batch.
- 17 A. (No verbal response given.)
- 18 Q. We can revisit that if necessary.
- 19 You understand that we just got these
- 20 documents in the middle of the night on -- I believe
- 21 it was Monday night, Tuesday morning. So I'm just
- 22 trying to clarify what we have.
- 23 A. Yeah, it -- I -- I -- that's fair. I see
- 24 the correspondence, again, with Mr. Howard,
- 25 Mr. Jarvinen, Paul Kosinksi. I mean, there was --



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1 there was activity around the audits.

- Q. Okay. So let's go back to the paper exhibit
- 3 that Mr. Starr introduced earlier, your exhibit -- I
- 4 mean, your declaration in this case.
- 5 THE WITNESS: Can you close this?
- 6 MR. PELLEGRINO: Ratner Exhibit 3?
- 7 THE WITNESS: Mr. Starr?
- 8 Okay. I just closed that. Okay?
- 9 MR. STARR: Fine by me. No objection.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I'm -- I -- I don't want to
- 11 mess it up here.
- 12 Okay (complying).
- 13 Yep.
- 14 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 15 Q. Okay. And am I correct that this
- 16 declaration was given in support of a motion for
- 17 temporary injunction?
- 18 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 19 THE WITNESS: Motion for a preliminary
- 20 injunction, I believe.
- 21 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 22 Q. Okay. So are -- are you making a
- 23 distinction preliminary and temporary?
- 24 A. Yeah, I -- I just -- I want to say exactly
- 25 what it says.

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- 1 Q. Okay. So then you would agree that this is
- 2 your declaration in support of plaintiffs' motion for
- 3 a preliminary injunction; is that right?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. Okay. And the purpose of this document is
- 6 for you to provide sworn information to the court
- 7 about why the court should issue a preliminary
- 8 injunction in favor of 777 Partners and Suttonpark; is
- 9 that right?
- 10 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 11 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 12 Q. You can answer.
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. Okay. Did you not hear my question?
- 15 A. I -- I said "yes, sir."
- 16 Q. Oh, oh. Yes, okay. Got it.
- 17 And I want to zero in real quick on
- 18 Paragraph 22. I know that this has been talked about,
- 19 but I want to make sure that -- we may go into some of
- 20 these, but -- but first I just want to confirm that
- 21 I've got the right list because I think there was some
- 22 additional things that are added to this list.
- 23 So I think Paragraph 22 is a list of the
- 24 reasons that you believe that the action of Davis were
- 25 known to and directed by Leadenhall for its benefit in

- 1 the Leadenhall litigation; is that right?
- 2 A. Can you say that again.
- Q. That the purpose of this paragraph is for
- 4 you to state the reasons why you believe that Davis's
- 5 actions were known to and directed by Leadenhall for
- 6 its benefit in the Leadenhall litigation; is that
- 7 right?
- 8 A. Yes, sir.
- 9 Q. Okay. And did you draft this declaration?
- 10 A. I would have drafted parts of it.
- 11 Q. But did you review this declaration?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. And did you sign this declaration?
- 14 A. Yes
- 15 Q. Okay. And everything in this declaration,
- 16 do you still stand by that?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Okay. And I -- I believe earlier that there
- 19 was some talk about whether or not Davis was the agent
- 20 of Leadenhall; is that right?
- 21 A. Yes, sir.
- 22 Q. Why was it important for you to testify that
- 23 the actions of Davis were known to and directed by
- 24 Leadenhall for its benefit?
- 25 A. Well, I guess that would be a factor that

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- 1 the court would consider. I may not understand the
- 2 question, but I think the answer to the question is
- 3 that this is the type of information that a court
- 4 would consider when making a -- a ruling.
- Q. When making what kind of ruling?
- 6 A. Well, any ruling. I mean, they -- I --
- 7 there's argument in the motion for summary judgment.
- 8 There's argument in the -- in the temporary
- 9 restraining order. There's argument in appointment of
- 10 a receiver or -- you know, whatever. There's always
- 11 some information that the court wants to consider at
- 12 the time.
- 13 Q. Okay. But this is your declaration, right?
- 14 A. Yes, sir.
- 15 Q. And you are responsible for the truth and
- 16 accuracy of this declaration, correct?
- 17 A. Yes, sir.
- 18 Q. Okay. And you're responsible -- you've made
- 19 the ultimate final decision as to what content would
- 20 be in this report, right -- I mean, in this
- 21 declaration, right?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. Okay. So why did you think it was important
- 24 to state that it was clear that Davis's actions were
- 25 known to and directed by Leadenhall?

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- Page 194 A. Well, maybe it's not important. I don't
- 2 know. I thought that because Leadenhall is the one
- 3 that's pursuing the audit and that they're using Saiph
- 4 and Saiph is using Mr. Davis, that they knew who was
- 5 on their account and that they're also in litigation
- 6 with us and that the intrusions could potentially
- 7 benefit them as described in Paragraph 21. So, again,
- 8 it's possible they -- they didn't know, as that's what
- 9 the questions that Mr. Starr asked me, but I guess
- 10 that'll come out in discovery.
- 11 Q. Okay. So as you sit here today, you're not
- 12 sure whether or not Mr. Davis's actions were known to
- 13 and directed by Leadenhall for its benefit in the
- 14 Leadenhall litigation, do you?
- 15 A. That was my belief at the time.
- 16 Q. Well, I'm asking you -- well, in fairness to
- 17 you, this declaration is as of the date that this
- 18 declaration was made. But I'm asking you: As of
- 19 today, do you believe that the actions of Davis were
- 20 known to and directed by Leadenhall for its benefit in
- 21 the Leadenhall litigation?
- 22 Now having 6 months past in this litigation
- 23 and discovery and various other investigations, do you
- 24 have a firm conviction that the actions of Davis were
- 25 known to and directed by Leadenhall for its benefit in
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  1 the Leadenhall litigation currently as you sit here
- 2 today?
- A. I mean, there's still -- yes. I mean, I
- 4 haven't seen anything to tell me that they didn't
- $5\,$  know. We haven't had that discovery yet, so I
- 6 quess --
- 7 Q. Have you seen anything to tell you that they 8 did know?
- 9 A. Just the things that we've identified still
- 10 in the record, like what I said already today and
- 11 what's in the interrogatory. We -- we haven't had the
- 12 discovery to tell me anything otherwise.
- 13 Q. Okay. So other than the items listed in
- 14 Number 22, has there been any other evidence or -- has
- 15 there been anything that you've come across since you
- 16 made this declaration that has demonstrated that
- 17 Davis's actions were known to and directed by
- 18 Leadenhall for its benefit in the Leadenhall
- 19 litigation?
- 20 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Just as I mentioned, there's
- 22 some other items that are identified in the
- 23 interrogatories that obviously I know about them.
- 24 But I think the combination of those items and
- 25 what Mr. Shapiro testified to and myself,

- 1 that's -- that's what we know.
- 2 BY MR. MORLAN:
  - Q. Okay. So as you sit here today, is it your
- 4 testimony that you know that the actions of Davis were
- 5 known to and directed by Leadenhall for its benefit in
- 6 the Leadenhall litigation?
- 7 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 8 THE WITNESS: Well, I mean, I -- what I'm
- 9 saying is if you read the last sentence, it says I
- 10 believe. Based on the things that we have seen in
- 11 the case and it's -- I still believe that. I
- 12 haven't -- I -- that belief hasn't changed based
- 13 on --

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- 14 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 15 Q. Okay. That's your belief.
  - A. Well, that's what it says.
- 17 Q. Do you know that? That's my question.
  - A. Well, no. That's why --
- 19 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 20 THE WITNESS: Sorry.
  - I don't know because that's -- that -- that
- 22 would be -- that's why discovery and there's facts
- 23 and this is what I believe based on the -- based
- 24 on the different pieces of evidence that exist,
- 25 this is what I believe is the case.
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- 1 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 2 Q. Have you seen any evidence of communications
- 3 between Davis and Leadenhall regarding the intrusions?
- 4 A. I have not.
- 5 Q. Have you seen any other direct evidence that
- 6 demonstrates that the actions of Davis were known to
- 7 and directed by Leadenhall?
- 8 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I mean, I don't know what you
- 10 mean by direct. But, again, I've answered this.
- 11 I think it's the -- the same -- the same items
- 12 that I've identified. I haven't seen anything
- 13 different.
- 14 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 15 Q. Well, I think one of the distinctions that
- 16 Mr. Shapiro made was he described it as -- as
- 17 circumstantial. Essentially things that might raise a
- 18 suspicion. Do you understand the difference between
- 19 direct and indirect evidence?
- 20 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 21 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 22 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 23 Q. Okay. Do you disagree with Mr. Shapiro's
- 24 characterization of the evidence that is currently
- 25 available to you with respect to Leadenhall's

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1 knowledge about Davis's actions, would you disagree

2 with Mr. Shapiro that that's circumstantial?

- 3 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 4 THE WITNESS: I mean, that's the way he
- 5 described it. I would describe it as these are
- 6 factors that I considered. This is what's known.
- 7 I don't know if I would label it as -- I don't
- 8 know if I'd label it direct, indirect. What's the
- 9 word again that you just used? Circumstantial. I
- 10 mean, it is what is it. This is what I know
- 11 and -- and this is how I form my view.
- 12 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 13 Q. Well, I -- I guess, I -- I -- we were making
- 14 a distinction earlier between what you know and what
- 15 you believe. And I think you said that you believe
- 16 that it's clear that the actions of Davis were known
- 17 and directed by Leadenhall, right?
- 18 A. That's -- that's what I believe.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. But --
- 21 Q. But you don't know that the actions of Davis
- 22 were known to and directed by Leadenhall at this
- 23 juncture; is that correct?
- 24 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 25 THE WITNESS: I think that's fair.

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- 1 BY MR. MORLAN:
- Q. Okay. And in fairness to you, that's
- 3 because while you may have seen some suggestive
- 4 evidence that may warrant some investigation, you
- 5 haven't actually seen any direct evidence that
- 6 Leadenhall knew about and directed Davis's alleged
- 7 intrusions; is that right?
- 8 A. I think that's fair.
- 9 Q. Okay. You said earlier that the case in New
- 10 York and the case that we're here on today are apples
- 11 and oranges, right?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. And one of the reasons is because the
- 14 case -- most of the facts of the New York case didn't
- 15 happen under your watch, correct?
- 16 A. I mean, that's one of the 50 differences, I
- 17 suppose, yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. But is that a saline difference in
- 19 your mind?
- 20 A. Yeah, they're totally different -- totally
- 21 different situation, yes.
- 22 Q. Right.
- 23 So you would be expected to have different
- 24 duties and different responsibility for stuff that
- 25 happened under your watch as opposed to stuff that

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1 happened before you were even involved, right?

- 2 A. As I described it before, depending on what
- 3 the issue is, I think that is a fair distinction.
- 4 Q. And while you might have some responsibility
- 5 to investigate or address things that happened before
- 6 you were there, you certainly can't be said to have
- 7 responsibility for the actions of the company prior to
- 8 your involvement or control, right?
- 9 A. That's true.
- 10 Q. Okay. And -- and you weren't involved in
- 11 the activities of -- of 777 and Suttonpark prior to
- 12 your retention that we talked about earlier, right?
  - A. Right. I mean, prior to April 2024, maybe
- 14 mid -- whenever I was first contacted in -- in April
- 15 some time, I never heard of these companies.
- 16 Q. Okay.
- 17 A. At all. Any of them.
- 18 Q. Never heard of Saiph?
- 19 A. Never heard of Saiph. Never heard of A-CAP.
- 20 Never heard of 777 Partners. I'm not even a football
- 21 fan. I never heard of the Premier League.
- 22 Q. When you say "football," is that the sport
- 23 that a lot of people on this side of the pond call
- 24 soccer?
- 25 A. Yes, sir.

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- 1 Q. Okay. So you said there were a lot of
- 2 objections, I think, to Saiph performing the
- 3 collateral audit; is that right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Can you just give me kind of a quick simple
- 6 explanation of one that might help the jury -- what a
- 7 collateral audit is and -- and why it was being done
- 8 in this particular context?
- 9 A. Sure. In a collateral -- the -- the term
- 10 collateral -- I'm going to give you a nonlegal
- 11 definition. The term collateral is used to describe
- 12 an asset that supports a loan or a debt instrument.
- 13 And a collateral could be anything. Collateral could
- 14 be a table, chairs. It could be any form of asset.
- 15 So somebody makes a loan and -- to a person or an
- 16 enterprise. And then in -- in many cases that loan is
- 17 supported by a piece of collateral below the loan to
- 18 protect the amount of the loan or a part of the loan,
- 19 et cetera.
- 20 And in this case, Leadenhall made certain
- 21 loans to Suttonpark. And in return for those loans,
- 22 they got certain collateral to support that loan.
  - 3 Q. Okay. And when you say "support," do you
- 24 mean like if the loan wasn't paid back, then
- 25 Leadenhall would essentially have first dibs on those



1 assets?

- 2 A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Okay. And the assets that were collateral
- 4 for Leadenhall's loans, were those some form of 5 receivables?
- A. Yes, sir. They're -- typically in this case
- 7 we've been referring them -- referring to them as
- 8 structured settlement payment streams.
- Q. Okay. So the assets were structured 10 settlement payment streams; is that correct?
- A. Yes. It's a -- Suttonpark would have a
- 12 receivable from a personal injury award or a lottery
- 13 award or something like that. And that would be --
- 14 the asset would be the collection of those payment
- 15 stream on that receivable.
- 16 Q. Sounds complicated.
- 17 A. It is. It's a com- -- it's a complex
- 18 business
- 19 Q. Okay. Have you ever dealt with -- I know
- 20 you valued a lot of assets before. Is -- is -- you --
- 21 you've dealt with receivables as assets before and
- 22 valued those, right?
- 23 A. Yes, I have.
- 24 Q. Okay. And these structured settlements, is
- 25 this new, old hat, in the middle? How familiar are

Page 202 Page 204 1 tied to the -- you know, movement and energy prices

- 2 would affect the value of some kind of other pool that
- 3 somebody's investing in. It -- you know, there's more
- 4 derivative type values flowing into the underlying
- 5 security. I mean, here it's a little before direct.
- Q. Does the term esoteric imply that the value 7 is derivative?
- A. I don't know. Depends what -- there --
- 9 there's a lot of finance textbooks and I'm not -- I
- 10 don't have one handy. But there's different ways to
- 11 classify them.
- 12 Q. Okay. But you've written a finance
- 13 textbook, haven't you?
- 14 A. Well, thank you very much. I'll take that 15 royalty.
- 16 Yeah, in -- in 2009 I published a Wiley
- 17 book. It's not really a finance book. It's a
- 18 business valuation and bankruptcy book. So it's not
- 19 dealing with, you know, the definition of different
- 20 kind of assets, asset -- ABS, asset back securities or
- 21 receivable assets. But it -- it's not -- I wouldn't
- 22 classify it as a finance book. Not that that --
  - Q. Okay. But it's in the --
- 24 A. Not that that matters.
- 25 Q. -- wheelhouse of what we're talking about

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#### 1 you with -- with those types of things?

- A. Very familiar with the valuation of
- 3 different receivable packages.
- 4 Q. What about structured settlements in 5 particular?
- A. We have valued structured settlements before 7 and in -- certainly Jim Howard, who was running the
- 8 day-to-day operations, had a lot of experience with
- 9 portfolios of structured settlements.
- 10 Q. Okav.
- 11 A. And ABS, asset back securities, all that
- 12 type of stuff.
- Q. Are they sometimes referred to as esoteric
- 14 assets? Have you ever heard that term?
- 15 A. I -- I have.
- 16 Q. Okay. Would you say that structured
- 17 settlement receivables are sometimes referred to as
- 18 esoteric assets?
- A. I don't -- I don't think I would categorize
- 20 them as esoteric assets, in my opinion.
- 21 Q. Okay. What would you classify as an
- 22 esoteric asset?
- A. Esoteric assets are -- are in some cases
- 24 that -- where the value is derived from yet another
- 25 asset where you might have receivables or some asset

#### 1 here, right?

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- A. I -- I don't -- I don't think it's exactly
- 3 germane to the valuation of receivable portfolios, but
- 4 the valuation of the receivable portfolios is based on
- 5 the projected future cash flows from the underlying 6 receivables.
  - Q. And are those pretty easy to value?
    - MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
  - THE WITNESS: There are certain nuances to
  - it. You know, it's -- you know, for example, the
- 11 valuation of a -- the remainder of a lottery
- 12 winning receivable is less at risk than different
- 13 types of receivables because the payor is a
- 14 better -- is -- is a higher credit payor. Others,
  - you know, are -- are different.

16 You know, the -- payments from insurance 17 companies in insurance settlements are less risky

- 18 than other types of assets because you have a more
- 19 secure payor. Sometimes these things go out over
- 20 a longer term period, which makes them a little
- 21 more difficult to value. So it -- it's just
- 22 another asset.
- 23 BY MR. MORLAN:
- Q. So was the purpose of the collateral audit 24
- 25 to determine what collateral was still securing

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1 that.

Page 206 1 Leadenhall's loans or credit facilities that were

2 extended to the plaintiffs?

3 A. Yes.

4 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.

5 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir.

6 BY MR. MORLAN:

7 Q. And what was the outcome of that collateral 8 audit?

A. I don't know.

10 Q. Okay. Have you had a chance to review

11 Mr. Kosinksi's report?

12 A. I don't think we have Mr. Kosinksi's

13 collateral report.

Q. Okay. Do you think that would be helpful to

15 you if you had it?

A. Yeah, I -- I just don't -- I don't think

17 we -- I don't think we have his collateral report.

18 Mr. Howard may know and Mrs. Licamora may know the --

19 the same information, but I don't think they issued

20 a -- I don't think Mr. Kosinksi issued a collateral

21 report that we got a copy of.

22 Q. Okay. Did Ms. Licamora and Mr. Howard do a 23 collateral audit themselves?

A. Well, they're analyzing the collateral that

25 is associated with the different loans and there's

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2 Q. So you disagree with Mr. Shapiro on that?

3 A. No. I don't disagree. I don't know. He's

4 closer to the -- remember, what we -- I -- I mean, I'm

5 not involved day-to-day. I don't know what the -- the

6 number is. I'm not going to question him. I'm not

7 saying he's right or wrong. I just -- I'm giving you

8 my testimony. I don't know.

Q. Fair enough.

10 But Leadenhall's alleged a shortfall of

11 600 million, correct?

A. Well, that I know is incorrect. Because 12

13 when we were in the mediation, it was clear that the

14 600 million at the time -- remember, that number's

15 been paid down. They -- they are -- been getting

16 cash. The -- that number was the full amount of the

17 loans without regard to what the collateral values

18 were at the time. I'm -- I'm pretty certain about

19 that.

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20 Q. Okay. I appreciate that information.

Just to clarify my question and we can go

22 back to the point that you made, but before we do

23 that, I'm just asking you if Leadenhall's claim was

24 that there was a \$600 million deficiency, not whether

25 you agreed with it.

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A. Yes, sir, that's correct.

2 Q. Okay. And to your recollection, how much --

3 you just said some of the -- what's owed to Leadenhall

4 has been paid down. Do you have any idea the

5 magnitude of that amount?

A. I do not. But since we've been at the

7 company, money that's been coming in on their -- on

8 their collateral is being paid down to them. I know

9 that because when we first got there, we -- there was

10 a question about payments and we looked into that,

11 that there was ongoing payments going to Leadenhall.

12 I mean, it's an up and running --

13 Q. -- ongoing payments that were supposed to go

14 into Leadenhall as of the date that you guys took

15 over? Again, this is -- would be based on things that

16 happened not on your watch. I'm just asking what you

17 determined once you came in.

18 A. So I -- I don't -- I didn't understand your

19 question and then you -- you moved behind -- can you

20 repeat the question? I -- it -- there was a lot in

21 there and I didn't follow what you were asking.

Q. Okay. You said that you looked into what

23 ongoing payments were going to Leadenhall; is that

24 right?

25 A. Yes, sir.

Page 207 1 different -- typically in-house we've been using the

2 term portfolio. So there's different portfolios. And

3 those portfolios include 300 assets, 400 assets, 700

4 assets. And then that's a portfolio that is supported

5 by a loan. So they -- they --

6 Q. Okav.

7 A. We -- we have the data that they're working

8 with on a regular basis with the system.

Q. But you're not aware of any report by anyone

10 from B. Riley that specifically pertains to

11 Leadenhall's collateral and any potential shortfall,

12 are you?

13 A. Well, I think -- I mean, it's a real

14 process. Jim Howard is working with people at the

15 company. I -- I think we have our view as to what the

16 shortfall is and I think we've communicated back and

17 forth with Leadenhall. In fact, I remember when I was

18 at the mediation myself, we -- we had information

19 around the loan balance and the collateral pool. I

20 just don't remember the numbers, but we had some

21 spreadsheets around it. So I don't think it's a -- I 22 don't think it's anything that we're not aware of.

Q. Well, I think you said that -- that the

24 shortfall's at least \$100 million; is that right?

A. I -- I didn't say that. Mr. Shapiro said

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Q. Okay. And under the terms of the loan

2 agreements at issue, as payments came in on the

- 3 collateral that was pledged to Leadenhall, those
- 4 payments were supposed to be passed through to
- 5 Leadenhall; is that right?
- 6 A. Yes, sir.
- 7 Q. Okay. And -- and, again, I'm not saying
- 8 that this happened on your watch, but I'm saying part
- 9 of what you evaluated when you came in was whether and
- 10 to what extent those payments that Leadenhall was
- 11 entitled to from the collateral were actually going to
- 12 Leadenhall; is that right?
- 13 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: And -- and I believe that
- 15 there's been payments to Leadenhall associated
- 16 with the existing collateral associated with their
- 17 loans.
- 18 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 19 Q. But did you evaluate whether or not all the
- 20 collateral that was initially pledged to Leadenhall,
- 21 all of those payments were getting to Leadenhall? Is
- 22 that one of things you looked into?
- 23 A. I think we did a reconciliation. And I'm
- 24 aware that there was a shortage -- a shortfall in the
- 25 collateral in the specific loans that -- receivables

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- 1 that are assigned to their portfolio.
- 2 Q. Okay. But that happened before B. Riley was
- 3 involved, correct?
- 4 A. Yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And did -- did B. Riley fix that?
- 6 A. Fix what?
- 7 Q. That Leadenhall wasn't receiving payments
- 8 for all of the --
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. -- that were coming in from all the
- 11 collateral?
- 12 A. No. Whatever was identified -- I think what
- 13 I was saying is whatever is identified as -- that we
- 14 have today that's their collateral, the -- that --
- 15 those payments are going. I don't think we went back
- 16 and said, oh, that -- that piece of collateral that's
- 17 over here should be over here. We did not do that.
- 18 Somebody else's collateral.
- 19 Q. Well, I -- I've heard an issue about a
- 20 shortfall in collateral. Can you explain to me
- 21 what -- what that issue is?
- 22 A. There -- my understanding is there was
- 23 certain advances made and there was no underlying
- 24 collateral for those advances. That's what the
- 25 allegations are in the complaint.

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- Q. Okay. But was there also an issue that
- 2 needed to be reconciled with respect to whether the
- 3 payments for the collateral that was there were
- 4 actually being made to Leadenhall?
- 5 A. I -- I -- sitting here today, I think
- 6 that -- since we've been in there, the payments that
- 7 were supposed to go to Leadenhall are going there
- 8 because Jim Howard and our team are interacting with
- 9 the Leadenhall team, right? There's cor- -- like I --
- 10 so I -- I believe that from the portfolio -- I could
- 11 be wrong, but I believe that we are -- over the time
- 12 that we've been there, that there is payments going to
- 13 Leadenhall on the specific collateral that has been
- 14 identified as their collateral.
- 15 Q. Right. I think -- I think we agree on that.
- 16 I -- I guess what I'm asking is: Part of
- 17 what B. Riley did when they came in was to reconcile
- 18 the collateral and figure out what payments were
- 19 supposed to go to Leadenhall from that collateral and
- 20 make sure that they were paid, right?
- 21 A. Yes. The term that we would use would be
- 22 the servicing. I -- my understanding is that since
- 23 we've been there, the servicing has been -- has -- has
- 24 occurred properly.

1 right?

- 25 Q. But that's thanks to the work of B. Riley,
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- A. It -- to the team that -- the -- the
- 3 team that we put down to put a gate around the
- 4 Suttonpark, yes, sir.
- 5 Q. And there was an issue prior to B. Riley's
- 6 involvement as to whether or not all of those payments
- 7 from the collateral were making their way to
- 8 Leadenhall or not; is that right?
- 9 A. I-I-
- 10 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.
- 11 THE WITNESS: I don't know that. I can't
- 12 recall that.
- 13 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 MR. PELLEGRINO: Hal --
- 16 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 17 Q. So going -- going back to Number 22 and
- 18 the -- the factors that we talked about, I believe
- 19 there are six factors on Number 22 in your declaration
- 20 that have to do with your belief about Leadenhall's
- 21 knowledge as to Davis, right?
- 22 A. Yes, sir.
- 23 Q. Okay. And I just want to make sure, other
- 24 than those six, I think you said some others. And
- 25 that was that some -- one of them was ongoing document

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- 1 exchange or I think you called it discovery, but it
- 2 was a back and forth between Leadenhall and B. Riley 3 on behalf of Suttonpark and 777 as to the exchange of
- 4 certain information --
- 5 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection -- objection to
- 6 form.
- 7 THE WITNESS: Yeah. I think there were other
- 8 factors that I tried to delineate. Some of them
- 9 are mentioned in the interrogatories. They are
- 10 items like the specificity or adjustments to the
- 11 complaint. They are the attempts to get detailed
- 12 discovery that might be beyond the terms of the
- 13 collateral audit and there's a lot of
- 14 correspondence around that. Those are at least
- 15 two that I could recall sitting here now.
- 16 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 17 Q. What was asked for that was outside of the 18 terms of the audit?
- 19 A. Oh, it's -- it's -- it's huge. I mean,
- 20 there's five different requests that we were dealing
- 21 with. Some directly from the company of Leadenhall
- 22 and some from the counsel. And then we went through
- 23 detail process of vetting out each one of those --
- 24 each one of those items. So I couldn't sit here and
- 25 give you an example, I wouldn't want to try to. But
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- 1 we outlined all the requests and then we outlined all
- 2 the governing documents and we were trying to marry up
- 3 what was appropriate and what wasn't.
- Q. Is it your understanding that one of the
- 5 reasons that 777 was initially opposed to Saiph
- 6 performing the collateral audit with the participation
- 7 of Noah Davis?
- A. I don't know. I can't remember if he --
- Q. Do you know -- I'm sorry?
- 10 A. I don't remember if he was -- I think so. I
- 11 think he might have been known or he was a participant
- 12 in the prior audit -- or, no, he wasn't because he was
- 13 still an employee. But I don't know if they knew that
- 14 he was working for them or not. I can't recall.
- 15 MR. PELLEGRINO: Hal, we have to -- we have
- 16 to go. I -- I apologize.
- 17 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 18 Q. Well, Mr. Davis --
- 19 MR. PELLEGRINO: I apologize.
- 20 MR. MORLAN: I'm going to finish this line
- 21 of questioning.
- 22 MR. PELLEGRINO: Well, we -- we re
- 23 going to miss a flight.
- 24 BY MR. MORLAN:
- 25 Q. Mr. Davis was a 777 employee until

- 1 approximately April of 2024, correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And the discussions about the
- 4 collateral audit started some time in mid 2023 or so;
- 5 is that correct?
- A. Well, no. The -- with -- with us it's in
- 7 the 2024.
- Q. Well, prior to your involvement, you
- 9 understand and -- and you've specifically talked about
- 10 Saiph's insistence on -- or -- or Leadenhall's
- 11 insistence on using Saiph and Davis; is that right?
- 12 A. Yes, sir.
- 13 Q. Okay. But at the time that these
- 14 discussions first began, Davis was actually an
- 15 employee of 777; is that right?
- A. Yes. And I think I've testified about this
- 17 in terms of the -- the timing of the requests in 2024
- 18 and the different environment, vis--vis the
- 19 litigation. But -- but, I mean, this is -- we've
- 20 covered this.
- 21 I mean, but -- but I -- I want to respect
- 22 the time that the flights are. Again, I'm willing to
- 23 continue and you'll have, you know, 6 hours and
- 24 59 minutes and 59 seconds. But it can't -- but I -- I
- 25 was very clear about the 2 o'clock time. If you have

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- 1 one or two more questions on this line, I -- I suppose
- 2 we can do them now. If not, we're going to have to do 3 it later.
- Q. Okay. I'll just do one or two based on --
- 5 on -- on that. And I appreciate your time and I
- 6 appreciate you doing that and I appreciate those
- 7 representations. We'll take you up on that.
- 8 I just want to ask: I think you said that
- 9 it was reasonable for Leadenhall to want to have
- 10 somebody audit the collateral who was very familiar
- 11 with the particular systems and assets at issue,
- 12 correct?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Do you know anybody who is as familiar or 15 more familiar with that than Paul Kosinksi?
- A. I'm sure there -- this is not the most
- 17 unique thing in the world, but you have to balance off
- 18 the familiarity with the risk of exactly what
- 19 happened. The former employee, a lawsuit going on
- 20 where he might be a witness in that suit. So, yes,
- 21 he's familiar with it, but I don't think it's unique
- 22 enough that that's the only person that could've
- 23 performed this task. I know that.
- Q. Well, I'm not asking you if he's the only
- 25 person. But I'm just asking if you -- if you know of

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Page 218 1 anybody that would be more suited in terms of of	1	Q. Okay.		
2 expertise and familiarity with the underlying assets	2	MR. PELLEGRINO: The answer		
3 and systems than Paul Kosinksi. Can you name	3	MR. MORLAN: That said		
4 anybody	4	MR. PELLEGRINO: The answer was you don't		
5 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection.	5	know.		
6 BY MR. MORLAN:	6	MR. MORLAN: I appreciate your time		
7 Q that would be?	7	today. You've been very patient and accommodating		
8 MR. PELLEGRINO: Objection to form.	8	and I want you to get on that flight. And we		
9 THE WITNESS: I mean, I I haven't	9	will we're not ending the deposition, we're		
10 undertaken a market survey, but there's many other	10	going to leave it open in case we need to come		
11 people that can do this. And the same way that	11	back. And I wish you luck and hope you make your		
12 CBIZ was doing Insurity, there's other people that	12	flight.		
13 do collateral audits. B. Riley does collateral	13	MR. STARR: Can we put the time on the		
14 audits. I mean, there's a lot of people that	14	record, please.		
15 could do this.	15	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Yeah, going going		
16 BY MR. MORLAN:	16	we are at 4 hours and 57 minutes.		
17 Q. Okay. Did did B. Riley or 777 or	17	MR. STARR: Thank you.		
18 Suttonpark ever suggest any auditor alternatives to	18	Okay. Thank you, Mr. Ratner.		
19 Leadenhall?	19	THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Going off the record.		
20 A. No. But in hindsight we should have said,	20	The time is 2:06.		
21 here, pick one of these three and we'll get it done.	21	THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Starr, are you		
22 We Mark and I were trying to be collaborative,	22	ordering this transcript?		
23 notwithstanding the company's adamant objection to it.	23	MR. STARR: Yes.		
24 Chris Rei Chris O'Reilly and and Jonathan	24	MR. PELLEGRINO: My office is going to		
25 Walder and the team. Mark and I eventually acquiesced	25	contact you.		
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Page 219	1	Page 221 THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Morlan, are you		
2 Q. But I think that's certainly to your credit.	2	ordering the transcript?		
3 A. Right.	3	MR. MORLAN: I'll get back to you.		
4 THE WITNESS: Peter.	4	THE COURT REPORTER: Mr. Feuer, are you		
5 BY MR. MORLAN:	5	ordering the transcript?		
6 Q. I think I just have one more question and	6	MR. FEUER: Not at this time. Thank you for		
7 then I want to get out of here so you make your flight	7	asking through.		
8 and aren't cursing my name when they close the gate on	8	(Pursuant to Rule 30(e) of the Federal Rules		
9 you.	9	of Civil Procedure and/or O.C.G.A. 9-11-30(e),		
10 A. I'm not. You're you're a fine fella.	10	signature of the witness has been reserved.)		
11 Q. Oh, I know what what I was going to say.	11	(Deposition adjourned at 2:07 p.m.)		
12 You're not actually alleging that in this	12			
13 case that Mr. Kosinksi knew about and directed	13			
14 Mr. Davis's actions, are you?	14			
15 A. I I don't think that's one of the	15			
16 allegations.	16			
17 Q. Okay. And you don't have any information,	17			
18 belief, or knowledge as as to whether or not	18			
19 Mr. Kosinksi directed or knew about any of the	19			
20 intrusions that were alleged to have been comitted by	20			
21 Davis, correct?	21			
22 A. I don't know.	22			
23 Q. Meaning correct, you you don't have any	23			
24 information to that affect?	24			
25 A. No.	25			



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